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## Fahd to superpowers Leave Gulf countries alone

RIYADH, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday admonished the superpowers to "quit poking your noses" in the internal affairs of the Gulf region.

"The countries of the Gulf have never sensed any menace from within, because the real dangers have been converging on the region from on remote areas," Fahd told the newspaper *Al-Riyadh*.

Fahd complained that super-power rivalries were a threat to Gulf security, appealing to these powers to "leave us alone, and the Gulf will be turned into an oasis of prosperity and tranquility." He insisted the Gulf countries do not need external help to maintain their own security, because "Gulf security is

exclusively the affair of the Gulf states."

He urged the countries of the region to muster collective strategies for self-defense and economic cooperation. The crown prince suggested the forthcoming Islamic summit conference can evolve a "collective Islamic strategy" for defending the legitimate rights of the Islamic peoples.

Fahd said a *Jihad*, (holy struggle) was necessary to regain these rights. But he said that *Jihad* is not merely a question of military actions, but of mobilizing Islamic economies, cultures and diplomatic potentials as well.

"Saudi Arabia is supremely committed to *Jihad*, wherein science, weapons, economics, culture and information media are to be

## PLO warns of plot to seize Beirut

KUWAIT, Jan. 18 (AP) An official of the Palestine Liberation Organization warned that Lebanon's rightist Christian Phalange Party and Israel were preparing to strike at PLO's power base in Lebanon and occupy Beirut, a Kuwaiti daily reported Sunday.

Salah Khalaf, told the daily *Al-Watani* the four-stage, Israeli-Phalangist scheme, code-named "the Blockade Operation" was mas-

termined by Bashir Gemayel, leader of the Phalange Party and Israeli commandos.

He said the PLO had summoned Palestinian students all over the world for military training as part of a Palestinian mobilization plan to foil the conspiracy. He added the PLO had already trained about 8,000 students and was hoping to train between 12,000 to 20,000 students a year.

## Sudan moves forces to frontiers

KHARTOUM, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Sudan has moved troops and heavy military equipment to its borders with Chad to prevent possible Libyan infiltration following the Chad-Libyan merger, diplomatic sources said. The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the move was made following a meeting of the supreme security council chaired by Gen. Abdul Magid Khalil, Sudan's vice-president and defense minister. They said the meeting was held to discuss Libya's Jan. 6 declaration of "full unity" with Chad.

Sudanese diplomatic sources in Cairo said the Sudanese troop deployment, a reinforcement of already existing forces along the border, was also designed to "control" the influx of Chadian refugees and prevent the recurrence of a 1976 coup attempt against President Jaafar Nimeiri.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said in Aswan Sunday his country would intervene if the security of Sudan was endangered by the Libyan troops in Chad.

## Jordan spurns U.S. West Bank plan

LONDON, Jan. 18 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan was quoted Sunday as saying that he would not participate in any U.S. plan for his country to take the responsibility for the West Bank Palestinians.

police man to protect their occupation and their sovereignty, and I am not going to play that game." But he was quoted as saying that if Ronald Reagan, the new American President, asked him to go to Washington to discuss the Middle East, he would go at once.

In an interview with the *Sunday Times* the King was quoted as saying that such a plan was "a pointless idea."

"The peace process in the Middle East is completely bogged down for the time being, and the situation is very dangerous," he said.

"The Israelis want me to play the role of

## Syria: U.S. echoes Israeli views

DAMASCUS, Jan. 18 (AP) — Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad attacked U.S. Mideast policies in an interview with pro-Soviet Syria's first ever English-language daily published Sunday.

The *Syria Times* made its first appearance on newsstands here at is published by the Tishreen Foundation which also puts out the government's official Arabic-language journal.

The newspaper, in its inaugural issue, quoted Iskandar as saying that he did not feel "that American policy in the Middle-East goes beyond the Israeli policy and decisions, both of which were basically aggressive, expansionist and discriminatory." The eight-page newspaper is the first foreign language paper in the history of the Syrian press. The other three Damascus dailies are all published in Arabic.

## Iran considers attendance Ministers study agenda

TAIF, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — The Islamic foreign ministers conference agreed here Sunday to name the present session of the Islamic conference after Palestine and Jerusalem "because of their crucial importance to Muslims all over the world," according to Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal.

Prince Saud said the second day of the conference was devoted to discussing the items on the agenda in detail. All but one have been reviewed. The remaining point was discussed at the second meeting in the evening.

He said there were 200 items on the agenda which may rise to 22 to 23 as the conference progressed. Asked if the conference was going to help settle inter-Arab differences he said this matter was the responsibility of the Arab League and such mediation is not on the agenda of the Islamic conference.

Prince Saud said the ministers present were hopeful that Iran and Libya will attend the summit. "Iran has a historic role in Islamic endeavors," he said. "We hope every state will attend."

In Tehran, Iran is said to be reconsidering its refusal to attend the Islamic meeting in Taif. President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr told the newspaper *Kayhan* in Tehran, Iran would make its position known after the president had a second meeting with religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the paper said.

The two men met Sunday when Bani-Sadr, the armed forces commander-in-chief,

returned to Tehran after spending a month on Iran's Gulf war front in Khuzestan province.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal meanwhile, is reported to have been involved in behind-the-scenes moves to persuade Iran to attend the summit.

Both the minister and OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti issued calls at the preparatory meeting Saturday for the Iranians to attend the conference.

But the delegates here believe the conference would be a good opportunity to settle the four-month-old Iran-Iraq war.

There is also a feeling that some progress can be made here on the question of the

## King in Taif

TAIF, Jan. 18 (SPA) — King Khaled arrived here Sunday in preparation for the forthcoming third Islamic summit conference which will be held Jan. 25. He was accompanied by Prince Abdulla, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard, Interior Minister Prince Naif and many others. He was welcomed by Crown Prince Fahd, Mecca Governor Prince Majed and other senior officials.

## U.S. hostages Agreement reached

TEHRAN, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Iran's chief hostage negotiator said Sunday that Iran and the United States have reached a final agreement on resolving the 14-month-old hostage crisis, the Iranian news agency Pars reported.

The negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, spoke after a day-long meeting in which he and other key Iranian officials discussed the latest U.S. plan for exchanging billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets for release of the 52 American hostages, who Sunday spent their 442nd day in captivity.

Pars said Nabavi did not say when the hostages would be freed.

Nabavi said the Iranian government had received a response from the U.S. government through Algeria for which it had been waiting since Saturday. He added that the

Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. An ad hoc committee — comprising Pakistan, Guinea, Tunisia, the OIC secretary-general and, in principle, Iran — met early Sunday morning to discuss the Afghanistan issue.

During a speech to the opening session here, Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said there was reason to hope that the current impasse in initiating dialogue will be overcome.

Chatti summarized for the Conference delegates Sunday the ad hoc committee's efforts in seeking to obtain a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan or self-determination for the Afghan people.

Chatti warned that the world situation was rampant with "tensions and conflicts," and said that inter-Islamic conflicts only helped to "ignite the ambitions of our Zionist enemy and its allies."

Meanwhile a Chadian delegation was expected to arrive to join the conference, leaving only Libya, Iran and the two suspended members Egypt and Afghanistan unrepresented. The meeting is also being attended by observers from Nigeria, Cyprus and the United Nations.

Conference source also said delegates here were trying to arrange a meeting between Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi and the Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, to discuss their differences.

## Begin to hold general election July 7

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin announced Sunday that he would call a general election for July 7, four months ahead of schedule. Begin told reporters he would table the necessary legislation

in Parliament Monday and said he hoped it would become law this week.

The government's term was to have ended in November, but the gradual erosion of its parliamentary base, dimmed by the resignation of Finance Minister Yigael Hurvit a week ago, forced it to seek early elections.

Speaking after a cabinet meeting, Begin said "we examined all kinds of dates and came to the conclusion that July 7 was the most convenient."

The opposition Labor Party had demanded a short election campaign and wants Israelis to go to the polls by May 12 at the latest.

The early election does not require Begin to resign and his government continues to rule normally unless the opposition manages to fell it on a key hold. Begin had led the Likud to victory in the May 17, 1977 election, unseating the Labour Party for the first time in history. His government's popularity soared with the dawn of the Egyptian-Israeli

## IRS official coming

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 — Gordon Rice of the United States Internal Revenue Service will be in Jeddah on Jan. 31, until Feb. 18, 1981, to assist U.S. citizens in filing taxes.

Rice will provide the only full-time tax assistance for the public. Assistance will be furnished at the Consulate from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday. Assistance will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

In addition, tax seminars will be held at the American Embassy's auditorium from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5; 7 p.m. to 9

U.S. reply contained points on which both sides had reached an agreement.

The Iranian official added that in so far as the Iranian government is concerned, there only remains several trivial points which had to be agreed upon and which had been created merely as a result of modifications received in the U.S. proposal Sunday.

He said the Iranian government had already forwarded proper replies to the most recent proposals through the Algerian intermediaries. Nabavi said that as far as Iran was concerned there was absolutely no reason for the stalemate not to come to an eventual solution now.

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# Gulf educators discuss plans

RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — The ninth session meetings of the Educational Bureau's Executive Board opened here Sunday. During the five-day session bureau members will discuss the establishment of the Gulf University, to be located in Bahrain and other collective educational and cultural programs among Gulf countries.

The fifth Gulf Education Ministers' conference last year, and that of the Executive Board in its seventh and eighth sessions. What has been achieved of these resolutions will be surveyed by the delegates.

The session's agenda also comprises discussing what has so far been achieved of the proposed Gulf University project and educational, scientific, cultural, documentary and information programs among Gulf countries. The board also will follow-up the achievements of the Higher Education Board's fifth and sixth session.

The session, attended by deputy education ministers of the member states, will consider the bureau's proposed projects for 1982 and 1983, which includes the Gulf University project. The board resumed its meetings

In February

## Leicester mission plans visit

LONDON, Jan. 18 (LPS) — The Leicester and County Chamber of Commerce trade mission will visit Saudi Arabia from Feb. 13-27, a trade mission report said Sunday.

Arc welders are to be introduced on the Leicester mission by a company making its first visit to Saudi Arabia, SIP (Industrial Products) Ltd. "Our welding equipment has been designed for long life in tough conditions and is easy to use," says managing director, Mr. Filipe Ippaso. "I am sure it will be of great interest in Saudi Arabia."

unit said to be especially suitable for construction sites; the SIP 160, a larger version available as a special model with two open circuit voltages for use with rutile and special electrodes; and the SIP 180, which the company recommends particularly for repairs on heavy machinery.

Saudi Arabia is not a new market for Truerech Ltd, which offers products ranging from tool kits to mobile workshops. But this will be the first visit by its engineering products manager, Mr. B.S. Rook.

Tool kits, supplied to meet customer's specific requirements, are designed to provide mechanics, electricians, plumbers, welders and others with exactly what they want. They are based on eight standard and three specialized kits.

Generating sets for use under arduous conditions are among the products to be presented to the Saudi Arabian market by Coronet EM Ltd, whose general sales manager, Mr. Ley has visited Saudi Arabia on several previous occasions.

Sunday evening. The member states in the Gulf Educational Bureau are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE, Oman and Iraq.

The importance of the gathering of Gulf educators comes from the understanding of education as important to development at all levels in the individual countries. Saudi Arabia has exerted its own efforts to beef up educational programs and provide a sound basis for the education of its citizens.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, budgetary allocations for education have risen nearly five-fold from SR3,760 million in 1394/95 to SR16,269 million in 1399/1400. Of the allocations in the 1399 (1980) fiscal year, SR7,629 million, 47 per cent, is for the Ministry of Education; SR3,238 million or 20 per cent for the General Directorate for Girl's Education and SR5,402 million or 33 per cent for the Ministry of Higher Education and Universities.

The government's underlying objective is to expand the educational base with a view to support maximum enrollment at elementary and intermediate levels and also make higher education accessible to every one who desires to have it and fulfills the basic requirements. Along with the expansion of educational facilities, efforts are also being made to improve the quality of education by upgrading educational curricula, improving educational methods and techniques and raising teaching standards through regular teacher-training courses and seminars, according to the SAMA report.

# Algoasibi signs Hail electricity contract

RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoasibi signed a SR70.8 million contract with an international company for supervising the construction of the central electricity project of Hail Sunday.

The contract calls for supervising all activities of the project, including analyzing manufactured materials for three years. Dr. Algoasibi, who is the chairman of the General Electricity Corporation, said the Hail electricity project is one of the major projects to be carried by the electricity corporation.

He added that necessary funds were allocated in the current fiscal year for carrying out the Hail project, in addition to two electricity projects in Jouf and Najran. The minister hailed the government's efforts, under the instructions of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, to extend electricity to all parts of the Kingdom along the line of the comprehensive development of the country.

Mahmoud Abdullah Taiba governor of the general electricity corporation, said the contract represents the beginning of the execution of an important project. Principal allocation for the project amounted to SR1.2 billion, he said.

Because of the huge size of the project and the corporations desire to provide an opportunity for a large number of Saudi Arabian contractors to participate in the project, the project has been divided into nine phases, Taiba said.

The nine phases comprise a power generating plant with a capacity of 250 megawatt as the first phase. One phase will be specified for 14 transforming plants, three phases for a 132 kilovolt pressure network with a total length of 950 kilometers. Three more phases will be for a medium and low pressure dis-

tribution network with a total length of 3,650 kilometers.

The remaining two phases will involve a communications and control system and housing for the project's employees. A national consulting company is in charge of designs and work supervision for the housing project, Taiba said.

He added that the corporation has invited tenders for the nine phases. Bids for the first two have been received and proceeded to the stage of analysis. Bids for the remaining phases also will be received in the coming few weeks, Taiba said.

Electricity generation in major cities of the Kingdom by private power companies reached 9,435 million Kwh in 1398, which was 35 per cent higher than 7,010 million Kwh produced in 1397, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report. Investment outlays by the

power companies totalled SR3.5 billion during the year as a result of which generation capacity rose by 38.5 per cent from 2,841 megawatts in 1397 to 3,935 megawatts in 1398. The high-voltage and low-voltage transmission networks expanded by 2,287 kilometers and 2,997 kilometers respectively and the number of subscribers rose by 20 per cent to 534,783 during the year, according to the SAMA report.

In keeping with the rising demand for electricity, the power generating companies have undertaken substantial expansion programs. Most of these expansions projects undertaken by the private power companies are being financed by loans from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund.

## BRIEFS

**Abandoned cars removed**  
JEDDAH, Jan. 18 — About 24,000 cars abandoned in Jeddah's streets by their owners because of faults or other reasons were removed by joint efforts between the Municipality and the Traffic Department. Municipality sources put the figure of remaining abandoned cars in the city at 8,000, according to *Al-Jazirah* Sunday.

**PLO anniversary noted**  
DAMMAM, Jan. 18 (SPA) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's Dammam office celebrated Saturday night the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution under the auspices of Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Jiluwi. The ceremony was addressed by Rafiq Natsba, PLO's representative to the Kingdom, and Prince Muhammad. At the end of the ceremony, an open dialogue was held with Natsba during which he explained PLO's policies.

**Prince Naif returns**  
RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif resumed work Saturday after returning from his ordinary annual leave spent abroad.

**UNESCO donation**  
RIYADH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia donated \$20,000 for a youth fund of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Saturday. The donation was aimed at helping promote and develop youth activities so that they participate in the economic, social and cultural development of their country.

**U.S. trade mission met**  
DAMMAM, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mubsen ibn Jiluwi received at his office Sunday an American trade delegation. Cordial talks on trade between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia were exchanged during the meeting. The delegation which arrived here Saturday on a five-day visit was earlier received by Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce chairman Sheikh Saad Al-Muajil.

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## COMMENT

By Mutlaq Mukhallad Al-Dhiabi  
Al Medina

The noblest aim before Islam is always for people to meet under the umbrella of an Islamic association based on firm foundations of the divine faith.

Saudi Arabia's role is well-known in the service of this association, as it finds itself duty-bound to work for Islamic unity and to eliminate all causes of dissension and rifts. It had played a similar role when the world saw the light of Islam and its message was carried out by those who braved all odds to fight against heresy and hypocrisy throughout the world. Islam came to do away with racialism and fanaticism which never found any support from any moral and trustworthy reformer.

This association today moves to unite Muslims so that the beacon of Islam lights the path in those countries where colonial-

ism had swayed for centuries. Working in this atmosphere, Muslims are brothers to each other, and anyone having a contrary idea would be none but a pagan. It would mean that he has not been blessed with the divine light of faith in his heart. This type of person would look at his brother-in-faith with the glance of a stranger, even though he may be his own countryman. The Islamic faith has denounced this tendency and has urged every Muslim to get rid of this phenomenon. It has advised the believers to cast off any trend that does not contribute in uniting the Muslims.

The biggest tragedy of Muslims is their dissension which has enabled their enemies to spread their influence in many parts of the Islamic world. If we meet within the framework of our unity and solidarity, cooperating with each other on the divine-ordained piety, we would certainly reach our cherished goal and crystallize the concept of Islamic brotherhood.

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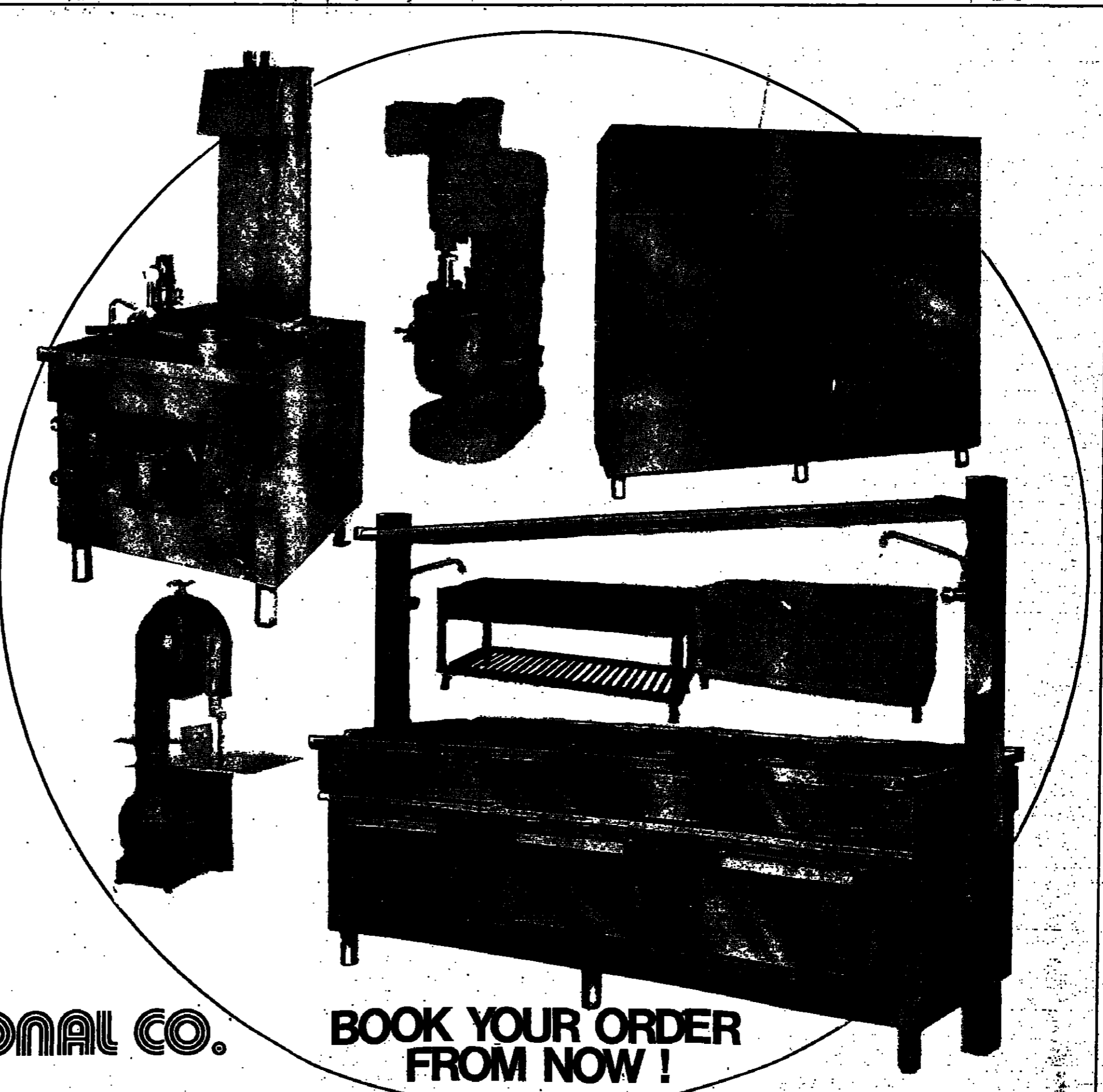
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# Zia appeals for unity

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 18 (SPA) — President Zia Ul Haq appealed to all Muslim leaders to make the forthcoming summit conference a success and prove that 900 million Muslims can stand together and speak with one voice.

He expressed his confidence that the leaders will rise to the occasion and close the ranks of Muslims in the service of Islam and its adherents. Zia said Islam has been and will continue to be the strongest bond among Muslims and "we should prove to be worthy of being Muslims."

He said the historic summit in Mecca will be a positive gathering and come out with "fruitful results." He is optimistic because it is being held in the holiest place in the world, and he called on Muslims to consider the Kaaba a political qibla in addition to being a spiritual one. He said Muslims should look to the custodian of the holy places—the King — as the spiritual and political leader of the Islamic world since this unified leadership will eliminate rivalry and other impediments. "We have to accept this unified command which must emanate from the holy places and nowhere else," he said.

Surveying the achievements made in the application of Islamic principles Zia said they were considerable even in countries which considered themselves secular or socialist. After the Israeli burning of the holy mosque of Aqsa in Jerusalem which

led to the first Islamic summit in Rabat, 1969, and the Lahore summit in 1974, the Muslims began once again to develop a sense of belonging together which intensified their search for unity.

Zia said superpower hostility to the Muslims was "misplaced" and he expressed his regrets for such attitudes. He attributed the current state of troubles in various parts of the world to superpower rivalries and their coveting of the natural resources of the smaller ones. "Hence, I think, Islamic unity is necessary," he said.

His proposal for "collective security" in the Islamic world is not meant to form a military pact, he said. "It is aimed at utilizing the resources at our disposal and pool them in the service of all Muslims," he added.

Referring to the "dangerous situation" in Afghanistan, he said the Soviet Union is "exercising a real occupation of that country and they are not in a hurry to withdraw their forces." He said there were no indications at present that the problems can be solved quickly and he called on the Islamic world to view the situation seriously and make a stand that will lead to a political solution and the withdrawal of the Soviet troops.

"We hope our Muslim brothers will appreciate the grave consequences of this occupation on Pakistan," he said. "We have now more than 1,400,000 Afghan



Zia Ul-Haq refugees who escaped the communist terror." He was grateful to Saudi Arabia for the aid extended to Pakistan in this connection. This was typical of Saudi Arabia, he said, because the country pioneered Islamic solidarity and used its resources to serve Islam and the Muslims. He pointed out at the constructive role played by the Kingdom in mediating the dispute between Syria and Jordan recently. "But the Saudi government shuns the limelight and declines to talk about the important services that they undertake," he added.

## Summit leaders receive phones, minister says

JEDDAH, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Each head of state attending the third Islamic summit conference will be able to telephone his country directly through a hot line, according to Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telephones and telegraph.

The lines were placed inside their residences by providing 250 circuits which should make it easy to dial and get the line at once.

Dr. Kayyal said the ministry also set up a record 600 telex machines in Mecca, Medina and Taif where the delegations and the expected 600 journalists will use them. The summit press department which is located next to the main conference building has been provided with 33 telephones — each of which is connected to the international exchange for direct dialing. The ministry also has mobilized all its resources to the service of the visiting delegations and the journalists to enable them to make immediate connections to wherever they want.

At the same time the ministry, working in close cooperation with the Information Ministry has supplied the equipment needed for live broadcasting of radio and television programs via satellite to the outside world.

The opening session of the foreign ministers conference was relayed this way to the rest of the Islamic world and the opening session of the heads of state in Mecca later this month also will be relayed to the member states as was the case with the pilgrimage last year.

Kayyal made the statement during a tour of the ministry's offices and exchanges here. He visited the main exchange at Bab Mecca and the others in Sahaifa and Nuzla, accompanied by senior officials of the telephone department. He had earlier visited the stations in Mecca and Taif.

Two new exchanges with 10,000 capacity each were built in Sahaifa and Nuzla, he said, to add to the existing lines in the city. He said that the telephone complex here has all the services that the subscriber needs — technical and administrative as well as maintenance facilities.

Saudi Telephone also would like to remind subscribers that Jan. 20 is the last date for payment of telephone bills in Medina. This is the last reminder for Medina subscribers, those who have not paid by Jan. 20 will have their telephones disconnected and the number will be turned over to the Emir's office for collection. Late subscribers will have to reapply for telephone service, the phone company said.

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## Summit being held at 'delicate juncture'

TAIF, Jan. 18 (SPA) — Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said the summit conference was being held at a "delicate juncture" and amidst ongoing events, both political and economic, which have had "negative effects" on the international community.

Addressing the opening session of the foreign ministers conference Saturday, Shahi said the Islamic world has gone through a great deal of events and developments since the last summit was held in Lahore in 1974. He said the most important issue before the forthcoming summit is the liberation of the holy city of Jerusalem, the occupied Arab lands and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and the PLO as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The document prepared by the Jerusalem committee under King Hassan of Morocco should be considered one of the fundamental instruments in this case, he added. The Iraqi Iranian war is a "deep wound," he said, and regretted the continuation of the conflict



Agha Shahi between two Islamic nations. But the differences between them were vast, he said, as was discovered by the good offices of the Islamic

committee led by President Zia of Pakistan.

"Still we cannot rest until we bring this war to an end," he declared. Shahi said a number of big powers were vying to control the Gulf region and establish areas of influence under the pretext of protecting the freedom of shipping and securing oil supplies. "But this can be done without foreign interference," he said.

Calling for the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan, Shahi said there were two million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran. He said the Organization of Islamic Conference and the United Nations are trying seriously to bring about this withdrawal so the Afghan people may be free to exercise their right to self-determination while the refugees can return home in peace and security.

Shahi said the conference was expected to provide the means to fight colonialism, Zionism and racism and to work for the freedom of the people of Namibia.



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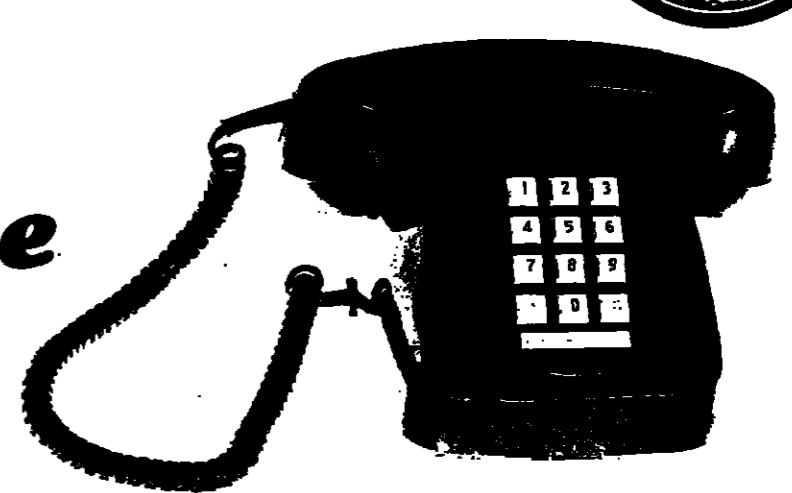
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**During latest talks**

**Ministers reaffirm collective efforts**

TAIF, Jan. 18 (SPA) — The Moro Liberation Front requested that its representation in the Organization of the Islamic Conference be raised to full membership, rather than the observer status on which it is attending the conference of Islamic foreign ministers.

Nur Miswari, chairman of Moro Liberation front — an organization that defends Muslims in the Philippines — called on OIC member states to provide aid to the Muslim people of Moro. Miswari is heading the front's delegation to the conference.

Meanwhile, statements of delegates to the conference expressed optimism and hope that the summit would achieve its designed targets.

Salem Saleh Muhammad, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen's foreign minister, said the Islamic summit is requested to continue performing its duty until it achieves the aspirations of Muslims. The minister called

**'Complete confrontation is the only solution to regain Jerusalem and the occupied Arab land, and at the same time winning world public opinion officially and popularly to serve this goal.'**

for mobilizing all resources and power so that victory can be achieved for the Islamic cause and Muslims can regain Jerusalem.

He said the collective Islamic action has supported the Palestine Liberation Organization. "Complete confrontation is the only solution to regain Jerusalem and the occupied Arab land, and at the same time winning world public opinion officially and popularly to serve this goal," he added.

The South Yemeni minister reiterated his country's efforts to keep its relations with Saudi Arabia natural, good and based on mutual respect and joint work to preserve security and stability in the region.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Tekno Ahmad Rida ul Din expressed hope that the Islamic summit would find solutions for the problems enclosed in the agenda as the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Iraqi-Iranian war and the Afghan problem.

The minister, who arrived Sunday morning to attend the foreign ministers conference, said the summit would discuss certain topics which will be raised by Arab and Islamic countries and which were created by the

current situation in the Arab and Islamic community, in addition to the contents of the agenda.

He stressed that the conference was held in reply to badly needed solidarity, unity and cooperation in the Islamic world to confront the challenges facing it.

Gabonese Secretary of Foreign Muhammad Mawad Abeyotssa also expressed hope that the Mecca summit would undertake noticeable decisions regarding cooperation

the summit conference. Turkey will present a paper on technical, economic and scientific cooperation among member-states of the OIC, Turkman said. He expressed hope that the summit would achieve further agreement, solidarity and cooperation among Islamic countries.

Asked if Pakistani President Zia ul Haq requested that Turkey mediate between Iraq and Iran during his recent visit, Turkman replied negatively and said "only views were



(Arab News photo)

**SPEECHES: Foreign Ministers and delegates listen to speeches at the summit assembly hall in Taif. The ministers are preparing the agenda for the upcoming talks.**

among member states of the OIC. He praised the Kingdom's efforts on preparing for the summit.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Al-Mubarak said that he was confident the foreign ministers conference will realize the objectives assigned to it which is resolving the differences between some Islamic countries and confronting the economic and political challenges hindering the progress of the Islamic community.

Sheikh Mubarak hailed Saudi Arabia's efforts in preparing for the conference and creating a sound base for success. He lauded Foreign Minister Prince Saud's statement in the opening session Saturday and said that it truly stated the conference's feelings toward the issues of the agenda.

Turkish Foreign Minister Iler Turkman announced that Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu will lead his country's delegation to

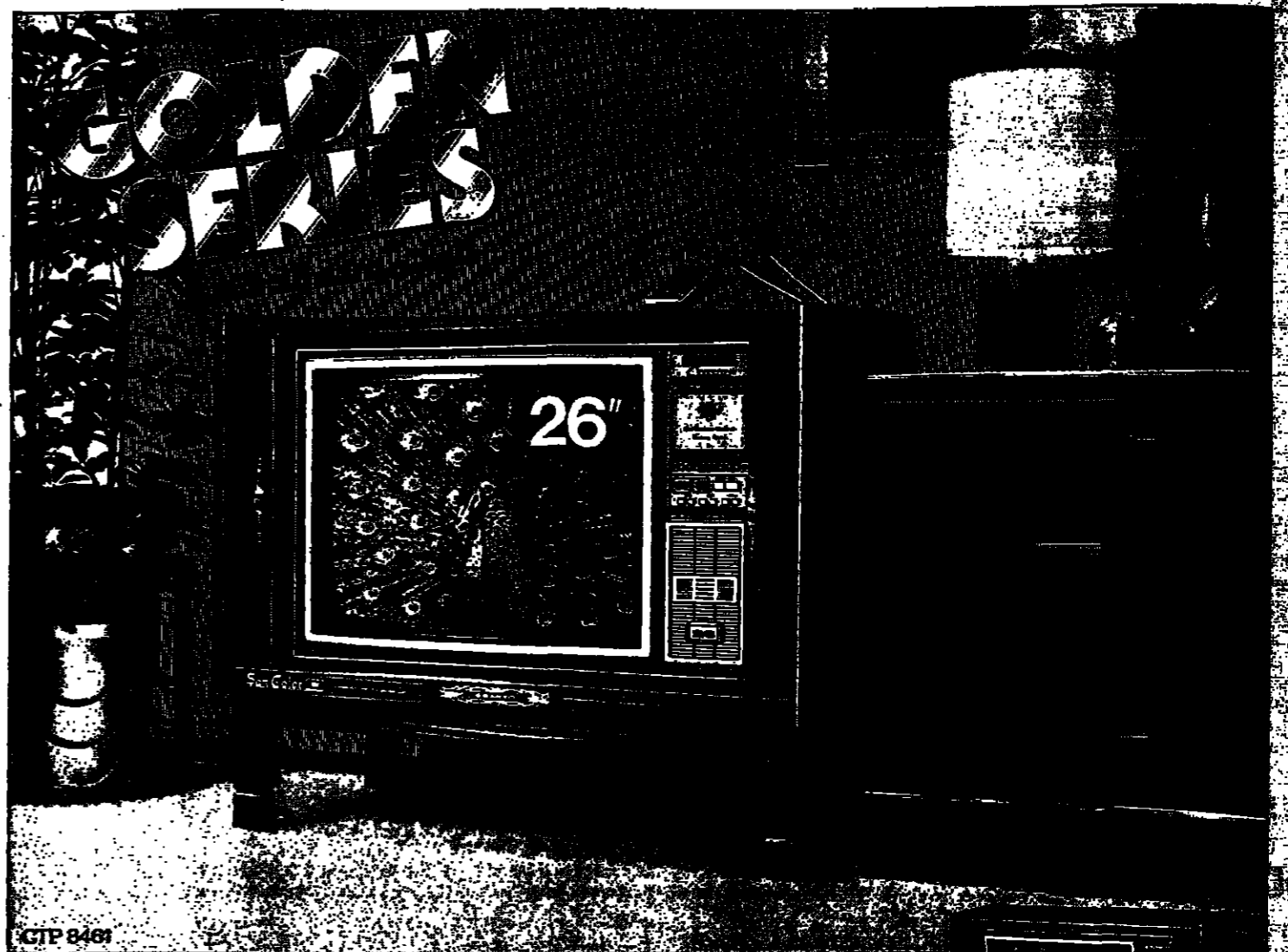
exchanged about the reasons of the conflict."

About Turkey's entrance to the EEC, the minister said that his country had one major condition, to be admitted as full member in the Common Market. But an official request has not been forwarded in this connection, he added.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Muhammad Shamul Haq stressed that his country will firmly support any collective stand undertaken to confront the challenges facing the Islamic community. He described the Mecca summit as historic "because the conference is being held in Mecca, the Qibla of Muslims."

The minister added that the Islamic world needs a political and economic security plan, and it would be more effective if it takes military dimensions to confront the present and future challenges. He said, Bangladesh supports the creation of a permanent political committee that would deal with causes concerning the Islamic nation.

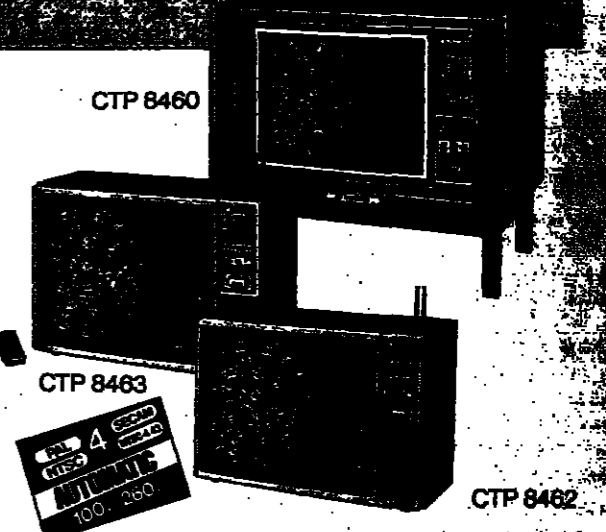
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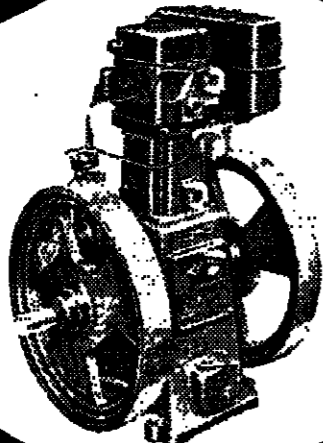


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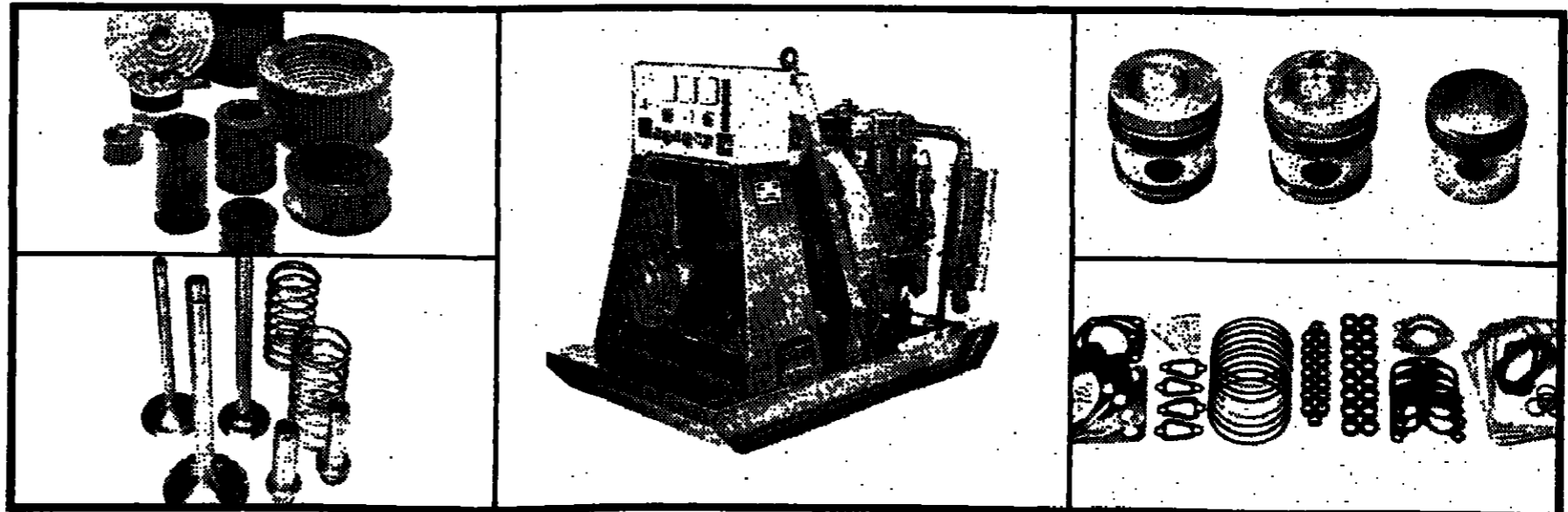
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A simple oath of 35 words

Reagan's inauguration most expensive

By Susan Gray  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—The inauguration of a president of the U.S. has no exact counterpart in the world. It is unlike a coronation of a king or queen or the installing of a prime minister.

A simple oath of 35 words transforms private citizen to chief executive of the U.S.: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of U.S. and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the U.S."

The simple investiture is all the U.S. constitution requires. And the unpretentious ceremony, as one political observer noted, is perhaps at the very heart of the democratic process.

On April 30, 1978, George Washington, standing on the balcony of the new federal hall in New York City, took the oath of office as the first president of the U.S.

Ronald Wilson Reagan will speak the same simple 35-word oath Tuesday when he takes the reins of power from Jimmy Carter.

Since 1816 the ceremony, with few exceptions, has been held on the east front of the Capitol, facing the Supreme Court. This year

statuary hall will be televised. Advertised with the theme of "America—a great new beginning" the Reagan inauguration has all the trappings of a dazzling, Hollywood extravaganza.

Everything about the inaugural will be elaborate.

Starting with the requirement for formal clothes at the swearing-in ceremony, to the 10 official inaugural balls costing \$100 a person, the inaugural celebration promises to be a sharp contrast to Carter's debut billed as a "down-home people's inaugural."

Inaugural Committee chairman Robert Gray, who is putting the show together with the help of a paid staff of 400 and 3,000 volunteers, this week took issue with labeling the inaugural a "Hollywood production." But he admitted that most of the events have been "streamlined to fit television."

Gray likes to insist that this is to promote the idea of a "shared inaugural"—shared with the rest of the nation and the world.

Using a budget of over \$8 million compared with the \$3.4 million Carter spent—the Inaugural Committee has planned festivities for Reagan's assumption of office that even gray boasts will "make entertainment history."

The only part of the inauguration that the American taxpayers are levied for is the Capitol hill swearing-in ceremony. For Reagan, that figure will be about \$450,000, inaugural planners say.

The rest of the \$8 million will come from private donations—mostly from U.S. corporations, ticket sales to inaugural events and the sales of inaugural memorabilia—ranging from a \$1.050 Paul Revere bowl with the inaugural seal to special inaugural automobile license tags for \$ 25.

Interestingly enough the Reagan Inaugural Committee will use some \$150,000 in interest collected from the leftover funds from Carter's inaugural in 1977.

In addition to the inaugural balls planned for the nation's capital, some 85 official inaugural balls will be held in other cities. Attendees at these "satellite balls," Gray said, will see on large television screens live camera footage from Washington of the new president and first lady at the Washington balls and the planned entertainment.

While most other parts of the U.S. will confine their feting of the new president to inauguration day, the Capitol city is in for four straight days of parties, dinners, receptions, concerts, and fireworks displays. Celebrities from the entertainment world, politics and business will rub shoulders at \$100 per person events, many of which are by invitation only.

Despite the selectivity of some events, some 40,000 persons are expected for the official and more grandiose events.

The biggest entertainment drawing card will be a superstar gala, Monday night, Jan. 19, hosted by Frank Sinatra. Some 19,000 persons have been "invited" to pay \$150 a person to see the cavalcade of Hollywood stars—many who have known the Reagans since their acting days.

The committee is counting heavily on this gala to fill its coffers and pay off its interest-free loans from U.S. corporations. While many events have the toll of a high monetary price and some political connection, Gray said some 96 inaugural-related activities here are free and open to the public.

The four days of official celebrating start Saturday evening with an opening ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. Some 10,000 rockets will be shot off in a 14-minute fireworks display and a laser-beam show will link other monuments in the capital city.

All day Saturday, Sunday and Monday there will be various receptions and dinners honoring the new in-crowd.

On Tuesday following the Capitol Hill ceremony, a trimmed down inaugural parade will make its way down the parade route from Capitol Hill to the White House. While inaugural traditions come and go, the parade has remained one of the steadfast.

The idea of an inaugural parade was really a spontaneous one started when a group of navy mechanics escorted the nation's fourth president, James Madison, from his boarding house to the White House.

In 1972 at Richard Nixon's second inaugural, the parade which has traditionally included over a hundred high school marching bands, lasted seven and one-half hours.

Carter's parade lasted two hours. Reagan's will be "short and snappy," inaugural planners say, and kept to one hour. Again, they say this is a decision to accommodate the limited TV attention span.

In keeping with the new president's interests, the parade will have a western flair. There will be 26 equestrian teams and three dog-led teams.

Tuesday's ceremonies will conclude with a new addition to inaugural activities—a closing ceremony at the Capitol with a band concert and even a new tune commissioned by the incoming president. There will also be a

fireworks display which inaugural planner Gray says, will be more spectacular than the one America put on for its bicentennial on July 4, 1976.

Tuesday night the new president and first lady will make a 10-minute stop at all 10 official inaugural balls.

The demand for tickets to inaugural events has only been surpassed by requests for reservations in the city's hotels.

But most of Washington seems eager to put up with the inconvenience of having some 68,000 out-of-town guests. The four days of celebrations could bring some \$32 million to Washington business.

All along the government quadrangle from the White House to the Capitol, there is an air of frenzied activity as workers labor around the clock in sub-freezing temperatures, putting the final touches on the various rostrums, bleachers and other necessary trappings for inauguration day.

In addition to racing against the clock, one of the biggest concerns of the inaugural planners is the weather. Washington is presently enduring the longest and severest cold spell in 100 years. Temperatures have rarely climbed above freezing since before Christmas.



Outgoing President Jimmy Carter shaking hands with incoming President Ronald Reagan

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Provisional government

Khmer Rouge boss raps Son Sann bid

BANGKOK, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan has attacked plans by a major Khmer nationalist group to set up a provisional government, warning that it will not help the struggle to drive Vietnamese forces from Kampuchea.

Khieu, prime minister of the regime toppled by a Hanoi-led thrust two years ago, voiced his criticism in an interview published in Sunday's Bangkok Post. He was commenting on a plan unveiled last week by ex-Kampuchean premier Son Sann, leader of the most prestigious non-Communist resistance group.

"He (Son Sann) is not helping in the struggle by this act," Khieu was quoted as saying. "The question is not to choose between democratic Kampuchea (Khmer Rouge) or any other group. The question is how to get enough forces to unite and drive out the Vietnamese."

Son Sann, 70, who heads the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, had told journalists at his jungle base in southwest Kampuchea that the provisional government would be formed before the U.N. General Assembly meets in October. Rejecting the plan, Khieu stressed that Khmer Rouge were leading the struggle to drive out an estimated 200,000 Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea. He again called on the ex-premier to join his group.

In his Kampuchean village, Sokh Sann, the fatherly looking Son Sann meanwhile talks to his followers — soldiers in camouflage fatigues, wizened peasants, schoolchildren, explaining the goal of his Khmer people. He envisions the birth of a country that is democratic, neutral, peaceful and independent, as it was before the war, the murderous Khmer Rouge and the Vietnamese invasion.

The vision may well be relegated to the history of lost causes by Son Sann's own weakness: a few thousand troops and a sympathy from foreign nations that has yet to be

matched by guns and bullets. "He's a nice guy," observed one western diplomat, "but show many divisions does he have?"

The Vietnamese say the current course of Kampuchea is "irreversible." The Hanoi-supported government in Phnom Penh is putting its officials through political re-education courses, its schoolchildren into classrooms where socialism and friendship with Vietnam is preached and its administrative machinery into the molds of a Marxist-Leninist society.

Son Sann's front, operating from the western rim of Kampuchea, talks about "the renaissance of spirituality, the code of honor" and the power of Buddhism.



TAKES OFFICE: Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes taking the oath of office for a second term at the national parliament in Lisbon Wednesday — AP photo

Arms to South Africa

Firms violate U.N. embargo

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18 (AFP) — At least four Danish firms and one Norwegian company are suspected of having violated the United Nations embargo by shipping arms to South Africa, according to the Copenhagen newspaper Politiken.

Citing informed sources, the newspaper published its report Saturday following the conviction of Danish agent-broker Peter Knudsen, who had been accused of shipping 12,648 unarmored hand grenades from Canada to Durban, South Africa. Knudsen, 34, director of the Froesig and Joergensen company, was fined 18,000 crowns (\$4,000).

Politiken said that, according to its sources, the Danish police had accumulated files on other alleged embargo violators. Those listed

by the newspaper were: J.C. Jespergaard, whose ship Skanlith was reported to have made two trips in 1979 to South Africa carrying Italian and Belgian arms; Eigvard Kristensen, whose vessel Romeo allegedly moved 38,000 grenades from Zeebrugge in Belgium to South Africa in 1978 and in 1979 reportedly carried a shipment of Italian pistols and Polish arms to the same destination. Peter S. Joers, whose ship Skirmer was said to have taken Belgian arms to South Africa; Trigon Rederierne shipping company, whose two ships Hanne Trigon and Alice Trigon were said to have been used for arms shipments to South African ports; and Norwegian shipper G.C. Sjelle, whose vessel Anna Nova allegedly went to Yugoslavia last year to pick up arms for the South Africans.

Nigerian taken for a ride in U.S.

STEVENS POINT, Wisconsin, Jan. 18 (AP) — Kiga fidelis Etuk, newly arrived in the United States from Nigeria and on his way to this central Wisconsin city, said he thought the \$250 cab fare for a 30-minute ride from New York's Kennedy airport to La Guardia airport was too much.

But the 20-year-old Nigerian said he got a confusing explanation from the cab driver and paid the fare because he had not asked the cost ahead of time and because he was a tired young man in a strange country.

Things got even stranger after he caught his plane at La Guardia and flew to Milwaukee. Thinking Stevens Point was only a few miles away, he hailed another cab.

This time, however, he asked the price first, and the driver told him that it would cost \$156.

"I was pretty surprised, but since I was charged \$250 in New York for a cab to take me from JFK to La Guardia, I thought this was considerably cheaper," Etuk said. But he said the real surprise was that the ride, which he had expected to take a few minutes, turned out to be 149 miles. "I was really surprised when he (the driver) kept on going, going, going," Etuk said.

Etuk could have taken a bus from Milwaukee to Stevens Point for \$12 or taken a flight to central Wisconsin City, about 20 miles north of Stevens Point for \$51.

Hope on elections

Marcos move evokes trust, confidence

By Joe Pavia Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, Jan. 18 — Reaction to the formal lifting Saturday of martial law in the Philippines was generally favorable but there were reservations and some skepticism as expected from critics of President Marcos.

The President's Saturday proclamation formally brought to a close more than eight years of authoritarian rule in this southeast Asian archipelago. From Urban as well as rural areas the general reaction was one of trust and confidence that the president has paved the way for political normalization. There was optimism and hope for the continued smooth transition to the parliamentary government culminating with the election of the members of the regular National Assembly in 1984.

The Interim National Assembly (Bastasan Pambansa) welcomed the end to martial law as significant to its increasing role in legislation which is necessary to hasten the peace of political normalization.

Speaker Querubue Makalintal said this development means the assembly must work harder to achieve its mission to restore a representative democracy in the country, to transform the government from presidential to the parliamentary system, and to be a truly responsive legislature.

"The president has relinquished his legislative power to the Bastasan so that the Assembly would have all the freedom to legislate measures, responsive to the people's problems and needs," Makalintal said. Echoing the speaker's thoughts on the transfer of legislative power, Bastasan Majority Leader and Local Governments Minister Jose Rono said the president's decision "reposes confidence and faith in the Assembly that it can achieve greater legislative role."

"No other head of a crisis government in the world has voluntarily dismantled martial law as our own president," one other Assembly leader noted.

American Ambassador Richard Murphy perhaps said it for the diplomatic corps with this statement: "I found it the most forceful, eloquent statement of the president about the background of what had motivated him to declare martial law in 1972 and the reasons that have now convinced him that the time had come to lift it. We do think that his move is timely. We think, I would say, it is an important step in the right direction and we welcome it."

The trade unions welcomed the lifting of martial law and saw in it the opportunity to strengthen national efforts toward development. From the ranks of the opposition there were expressions of reservation and a wait-and-see attitude though the lifting of martial law itself was termed a welcome development.

In the province of Cebu in central Philippines which is opposition-dominated, caution



Ferdinand Marcos

characterized the reaction. Former Senator Rene Espina said he welcomed the lifting but with "serious reservations." Former Congressman Antonio Cuenco said this was long overdue. "I hope that it will be a genuine dismantling of one-man rule" another opposition leader said Cebuano must first see and find out what this lifting of martial law really means.

In expressing reservation, former Senator Espina called on President Marcos to publish all the decrees which he may have signed that will continue to be in force even after martial law is over.

Many in the provinces saw in the lifting of

martial law a possible resurgence of lawlessness and the proliferation of firearms, thereby threatening peace in the country. Housewives thought this could lead to a way profiting and inflation.

One sector vitally affected by martial law is the media and there had been no outburst of joy nor outright denunciation but just quiet caution from the ranks of the fourth estate. The debate on how media will fare now that martial law is out is left to the columnists, and the Marcos critics are the ones pointing to the continued muzzling of the press.

But perhaps this comment from a provincial newspaperman will do for now: "The lifting of martial law will not have an effect on media since during the martial law years media have raised professional standards and imposed self-regulation."

Meanwhile, AP reported that military officials began releasing 341 prisoners and transferring more than 1,600 others from military stockades to civilian prisons Sunday.

The 341 prisoners originally were scheduled to be simply transferred along with the rest. But hours after Marcos rescinded martial law Saturday, the official Philippine News Agency said he had ordered their release instead for reasons of "compassion and national reconciliation."

The announcement did not disclose the terms of release for the 339 men and two women. Of the total, 159 were political workers, or what the government calls "public order violators." The rest were "common criminals," the government news agency said without explanation.

Rajaratnam arrives in Argentina for talks

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 18 (AFP) — Singapore Vice-Premier Sinnthambiy Rajaratnam arrived here Saturday for a two-day official visit. He will meet with high-ranking Argentine officials in San Martin Palace — Argentine's Foreign Ministry — and with ambassadors to Argentina from other members of the Association of South East Asian Nation.

The vice-premier, a former education minister will meet Argentine Foreign Minister Carlos Pastor to discuss bilateral relations.

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U.S. move to counter Cuba

Salvador to get lethal arms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP) — The United States administration has announced an escalation of its military aid program to El Salvador and said lethal equipment will be provided for the first time.

other non-lethal equipment. At the time, it said the assistance was needed in view of increased arms shipments to guerrilla groups from abroad, without indentifying the supplier countries.

had to draw its stocks of equipment down to levels where "replacement is essential."



CONSOLING: El Salvador's junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte tries to alleviate the grief of old women at Santa Ana, which was rocked by heavy fighting between Marxist guerrillas and ruling junta security forces recently.

9 killed, 27 injured in London fire

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Nine persons died and 27 were badly injured in a fire that may have been caused by a gasoline bomb thrown into a house where a noisy all-night party Saturday was under way, police said.

something, possibly a gasoline bomb, through a window before the fire broke out at 5:30 a.m.

Talks on Times' sale running ahead of time

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP) — The Times of London has printed an optimistic article quoting unnamed sources as saying negotiations to find a buyer were running "at least a week ahead of schedule."

Canadian millionaire owner Lord Thomson, beset by financial and labor difficulties, put The Times newspapers up for sale last October, saying they would close in mid-March if a buyer was not found.

Film award shared

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18 (AP) — Bulgaria's The unknown soldier's patent leather shoes and the home-made Aakrash shared the Golden Peacock award for the best feature films at the eighth International Film Festival of India.

A period of transition by the Danish director Bent Barfoed was named the best short film of the festival.

Italy's Fatefamo Rolla was honored as the best director of his film Venetian lies, while India's Mani Kaul won the Silver Peacock award in the short films category.

Ordeal leaves freed judge unshaken

ROME, Jan. 18 (R) — Judge Giovanni D'Urso, freed by his Red Brigades kidnapers three days ago, says his faith in the Italian state was not shaken by his 34-day ordeal.

remains one of extreme faith," he said at the press conference which he summoned "to thank all of the press unconditionally for the human solidarity they showed during my imprisonment."

Asked if he would return to his sensitive job in the justice ministry, deciding on transfers of jailed guerrillas to top security prisons, he answered cautiously: "I hope to keep working as a magistrate."

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# Iran-Finland talks end in deadlock

HELSINKI, Jan. 18 (AFP) — Iranian officials have broken off talks with Finnish delegates over building projects worth some 600 million marks (about \$156 million) that Finnish companies had worked on in Iran, it was reported here.

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The Iranians were only ready to discuss the transfer of the site and Finnish equipment to

the Iranians, and broke off negotiations when the Finnish delegation said it stuck by the terms of the original contract signed with the Shah's regime.

Members of the delegation, which included representatives of the Finnish foreign ministry, construction companies and financial institutions, told reporters the Iranian side was not ready to discuss the continuation of the project.

The only question it was ready to discuss was the handing over of the Finnish project with all the equipment to the Iranians, they said. When the Finns said this could be only on terms stated in the bilateral contract, the Iranians broke off the talks, they added.

# Britain's economy shows slight drop in inflation rate

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP) — British trade showed a record surplus of \$2,281 billion (\$5,474 billion) last year, the government has announced. Another encouraging sign for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government was a slight drop in the annual inflation rate in December to 15.1 per cent, the seventh consecutive monthly fall.

But total production in the economy fell by 10 per cent during 1980, while employment Minister James Prior warned Friday unemployment will reach "appalling" levels.

According to recent opinion polls, which show declining popularity for Mrs. Thatcher's government as it presses on with its tight-money anti-inflation policies, others are far more worried about unemployment than inflation.

Last month Britain had a £346 million (\$830.4 million) trade surplus, the trade department announced.

It was the eighth straight monthly trade surplus, but well down on the £555 million (\$1.3 billion) surplus in November. Trade department officials also noted that exports — under pressure from the high value of the British pound — were declining.

The payments figures represented a starting reversal of earlier trends. In 1979, Britain had a deficit of £1,67 million. Britain's payments surplus is in sharp contrast with the record of other industrialized countries, especially West Germany.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Friday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.65	8.86
Belgian Franc (1,000)	104.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	167.00	170.00	166.15
Dutch Guilder (100)	154.00	—	152.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.90	90.85
French Franc (100)	73.00	73.00	71.85
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	35.00	36.00	35.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.40	—	16.55
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.78
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.29	12.29
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	89.75	89.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	79.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.98	8.03	8.02
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.85	91.80
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.56
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	184.00	185.25	183.15
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.34
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.25	73.05
Gold kg.	—	61,350.00	—
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# Modest recovery forecast for U.S. economy this year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (R) — The outgoing Carter administration has forecast that the U.S. economy, plagued by inflation and unemployment, would recover only modestly this year and would not get back on its feet until 1982.

The report also said the economy remained extremely vulnerable to another world oil price shock or a sudden tightening of monetary policy by the U.S. central bank.

It said the economy would show virtually no growth during the first half of this year, but would begin to improve by summer, finishing the year with a growth rate of 1.7 per cent after allowing for inflation.

In 1982, the Carter administration foresees substantial improvement and 3.5 per cent growth for the economy.

But the short-term inflation and unemployment outlook remained very discouraging, the report said.

The report said inflation, which hit an annual rate of 12.6 per cent in 1979, was likely to do the same in 1981 before dropping to 9.6 per cent next year.

Unemployment, which climbed from six per cent to 7.4 per cent during President Carter's final year in office, would go up to 7.7 per cent this year, before skipping back to 7.4 per cent in 1982, it added. One of the few suggestions the Carter administration left for incoming President Ronald Reagan and his advisers was that they implement a so-called tax-based incomes policy.

The plan would reward with tax breaks employers who held the line on prices and wages. The report said the policy would serve the nation well for a short time in its battle against inflation, but should then be dismantled. The incoming Reagan team opposes any wage-price restraints, voluntary or involuntary.

In its report, the Carter administration conceded that its forecast might be put off the mark by unexpected developments, including sharply higher oil prices. It said rising prices brought on in part by the lifting of controls from U.S. petroleum prices, would have a dampening effect on consumer purchasing power this year.

The price of oil on the world market was also likely to rise to as high as \$40 a barrel, the report added. The report noted that the Federal Reserve Board — the U.S. central bank — had committed itself to holding down the growth of the money supply in an effort to curb inflation.

But if the central bank adhered strictly to this policy, interest rates might remain high, making it difficult for businesses to obtain the investment needed to sustain a recovery, the report said.

David Stockman, Reagan's designated budget director, has disputed the accuracy of some of the Carter administration's assumptions. He says drastic measures are needed immediately to cut federal spending and taxes to keep the economy from tumbling back into recession early this year.

# Plagued by inflation

# Wall Street

# Market fluctuations spark heated debate on forecasting

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP) — The wild gyrations of the stock market early this month have set off a new and heated debate in the investment world over the pros and cons of a market-forecasting method known as technical analysis.

Joseph Granville, the investment adviser, whose recommendation to dump stocks led to a sharp decline in the market on Jan. 7 and 8, is a vocal advocate of the technical approach. As with his past recommendations, Granville arrived at his "sell signal" by following charts and indicators of the market itself rather than external fundamentals such as interest rates or corporate earnings.

"It is the 'inner voice' of the market that has spoken," he declared in his most recent letter to subscribers. Such pronouncements, to no one's surprise, have been met with a loud chorus of criticism from many more conventional Wall Streeters.

"People who think they can 'walk on water' better know where the rocks are or they'll get awfully wet," remarked William M. Lefevre, an analyst at Purcell, Graham and Co.

In the past week, the market calmed down. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4.60 to 973.29. The New York stock exchange composite index gained .89 to 77.33, and the American stock exchange market value index was up 8.01 to 347.94. Big board volume averaged 42.79 million shares a day, against the record pace of 64.91 million the week before.

Granville is by two means the only practitioner of technical analysis. Indeed, there were some others, such as Toronto-based investment adviser Ian McAvity, who also sent out caution messages to subscribers the evening of Jan. 6, based on the market's showing that day.

# Over pay hike U.K. seamen call for strike


LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Leaders of Britain's 26,000 seamen have called for an all-out two-day strike next week over their claim for pay hikes.

The strike, probably on Wednesday and Thursday, would hit all ferry services from Britain to the continent and all British-crewed ships in ports throughout the world, except for passenger lines and boats supply-

ing North Sea oil installations.

So far, the seamen have limited their action to a series of lightening one-day stoppages at selected British ports.

But many crew members, especially on ships in foreign ports, have already stopped work altogether, including 16 members of a British grain ship in New Orleans and Douvres container vessels in Sydney harbor.



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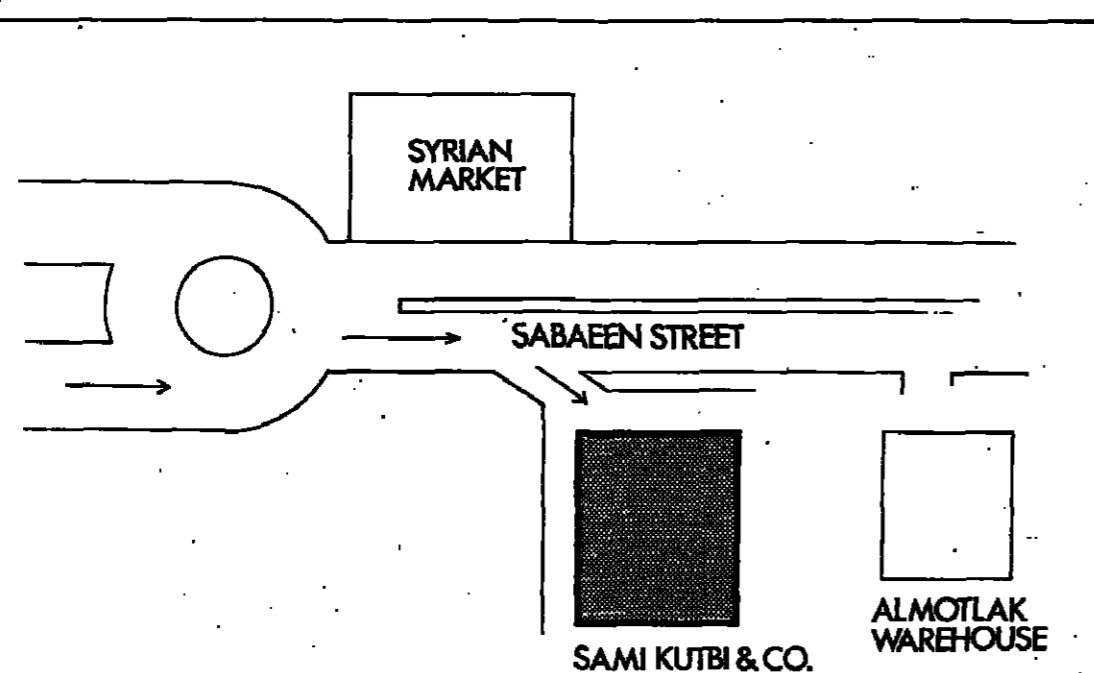
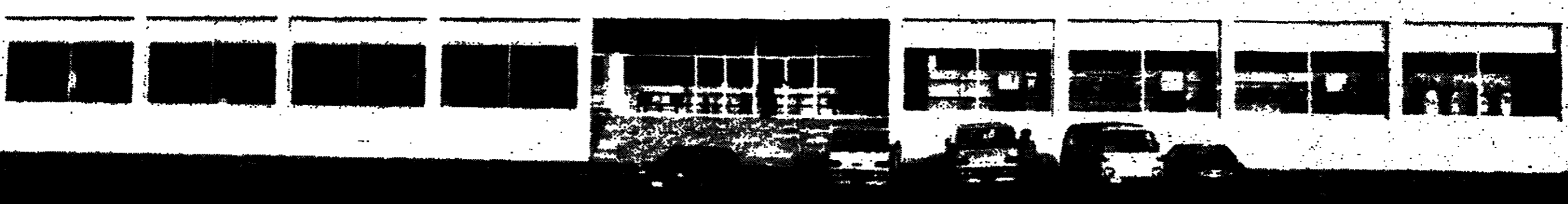
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Narrow win for Liverpool

Aston catches up with leaders Ipswich

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP) — Tony Morley and Peter Withe scored fine goals Saturday to send Aston Villa back level with Ipswich in the race for the English Soccer Championship.

Liverpool won 1-0 at Norwich with a goal by Terry McDermott, also in difficult conditions after snow had melted, and stayed in the race for the title with 36 points from 27 games.

Several games were called off because of the wintry weather, including two in the English First Division — Stoke vs Nottingham Forest and Sunderland vs Manchester United.

Coventry 1 Aston Villa 2 (0-0): Defenders were on top until Tony Morley scored a magnificent solo goal in the 55th minute, weaving his way through the Coventry defense.

Norwich 0 Liverpool 1 (0-1): Terry McDermott settled this with a goal in the 23rd minute, after a shot by Kenny Dalglish had been pushed away.

Everton 0 Ipswich 0. Goalkeeper Paul Cooper was the Ipswich hero. But a whistle from the crowd almost caused Everton's downfall.

Tottenham Hotspur 2 Arsenal 0 (1-0): Steve Archibald scored both goals and took his total to 19 for the season.

Brooke, the youngster who has been standing in for Argentinian Osvaldo Ardiles. Archibald grabbed his second in the last minute when John Devine made a faulty back pass.

Birmingham 0 Southampton 3 (0-1): Young Steve Moran put Southampton on the way to victory in the 18th minute with his 14th goal in 16 games.

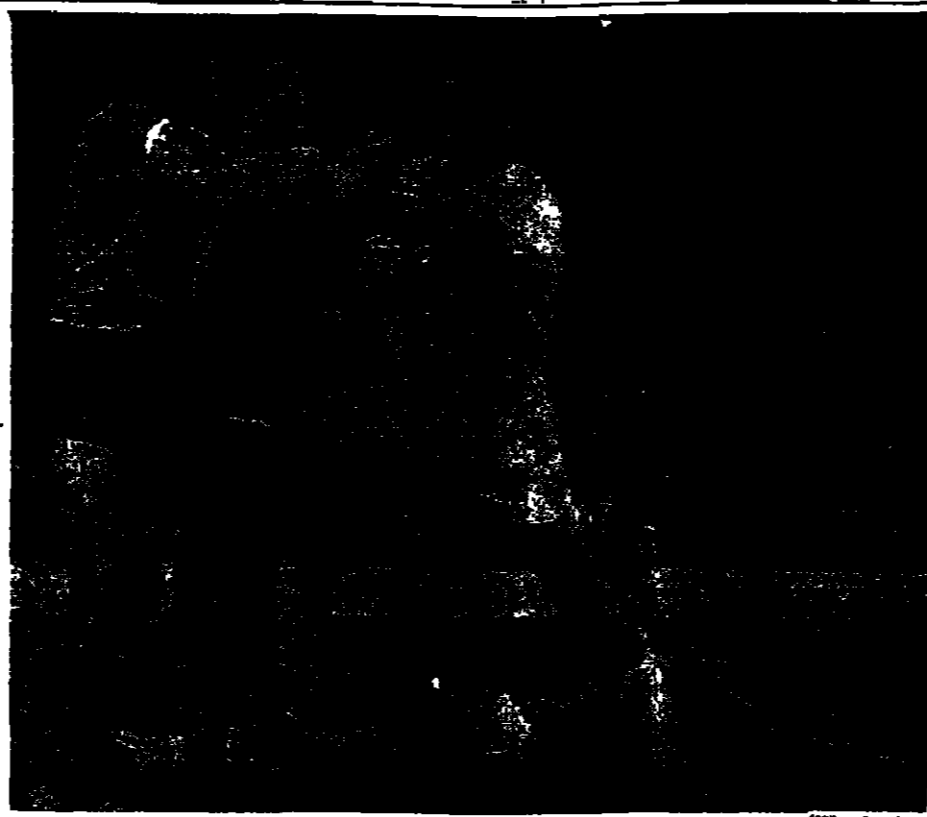
Manchester City 3 Middlesbrough 2 (2-1): Nicky Reid of Manchester and Bill Caton of Middlesbrough were sent off for fighting in the second half.

West Bromwich 2 Brighton 0 (1-0): Goalkeeper Perry Digweed made a nervous debut for Brighton.

Leicester 0 Leeds 1 (0-0): Leicester continued the slide towards Division Second. A goal by defender Paulwright in the second half gave Leeds its win and drove a cooper nail into Leicester's coffin.

In the Second Division West Ham stretched its lead to seven points, although held to a 1-1 draw by promotion rival Notts County at Nottingham.

West Ham 39 points from 27 games, Swansea 32 from 27 and Notts 32 from 26.



FREE-FOR-ALL: Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton players involved in a scuffle in the English First Division Soccer match, with Crystal goalkeeper Terry Gemoe sprawled on the pitch.

Stenmark outstanding

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Jan. 18 (AFP) — Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark won the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup Slalom here Sunday ahead of Vladimir Andrev of the Soviet Union and Christian Orlansky of Austria.

In Bulgaria, Norway's Oddvar Braa sped to victory in the Nordic Skiing World Cup 15 kilometers Cross Country finishing ahead of Olympic champion Thomas Wassberg of Sweden.

Braa (pronounced "broe") and Wassberg were cheered by a crowd of 10,000 Bulgarian spectators who quickly overcame their disappointment over the withdrawal of their countryman Ivan Lebanov.

The 29-year-old Norwegian finished the circular course in 45 mins 35:01 secs, followed by Wassberg in 45:40.45 and Ove Aunli of Norway in 45:49.13.

On Saturday Canada's Steve Podborski swept to victory in the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup downhill for his third successive win this season.

Podborski, 22, in a dazzling display of technical mastery, tore down the 3.5 kilometers run in a time of 2 mins 03.76 secs, nearly breaking the course record.

He was followed by Peter Muller of Switzerland in 2:04.16 and Peter Wirmsberger of Austria in 2:04.74.

Despite his ease on the course, Podborski claimed to be surprised by the results.



VICTORY PATH: Ingemar Stenmark on the road to victory

Stops Obelmejas in eighth Hagler retains crown

BOSTON, Jan. 17 (AFP) — Marvin Hagler of the United States kept his undisputed World Middleweight Boxing title here Saturday when he stopped number-one challenger Figuero Obelmejas of Venezuela after eight rounds.

Hagler, who captured both the World Boxing Council (WBC) and World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight titles when he beat Britain's Alan Minter last September, yesterday proved too much for his opponent.

Acknowledged Obelmejas after Saturday's defeat, the first of his career: "He's the best boxer I ever fought." Hagler, 28, dominated the Venezuelan from the start, and after a cautious opening round of observation, started working close to his opponent's body to compensate for his shorter reach and kept Obelmejas glued to the center of the ring as he landed punches at will.

By the third round, Obelmejas was staggering under the attack. The shouppaw champion seemed to slow down in the beginning of the fifth, seeking to break through with a left. He picked up speed toward the end of the round, landing with a flurry of left and right hooks to the face and body.

It looked like the end when Hagler brought the Venezuelan to his knees with a thunderous left in the sixth, but Obelmejas, showing incredible powers of resistance, recovered to finish the round. If the crowd expected Obelmejas to drop like a fly in the seventh, it was not until 20 seconds into the eighth that

Mexican referee Octavio Meyran finally stepped in to stop the fight.

The Venezuelan, after acknowledging that Hagler was the toughest fighter he had ever faced, said he wasn't in form for Saturday's bout. "I couldn't sleep the night before," he explained. "I wasn't feeling my usual self."

Obviously glum after the first defeat in his boxing career, the 28-year-old challenger said he was leaving Boston that night and would arrive home in Venezuela the following Sunday or Monday.

Hagler, in a post-match press conference, said he would fight Italian-American Vito Antuofermo, the former World Middleweight Champion who lost to Britain's Alan Minter, here in May.

"I worked hard for this fight," Hagler said. "Looking at his record, my opponent deserves a lot of respect. But he doesn't know what it means to face Marvin Hagler." Hagler won the undisputed middleweight crown from Minter last September in London, in a fight marred by ugly crowd incidents.

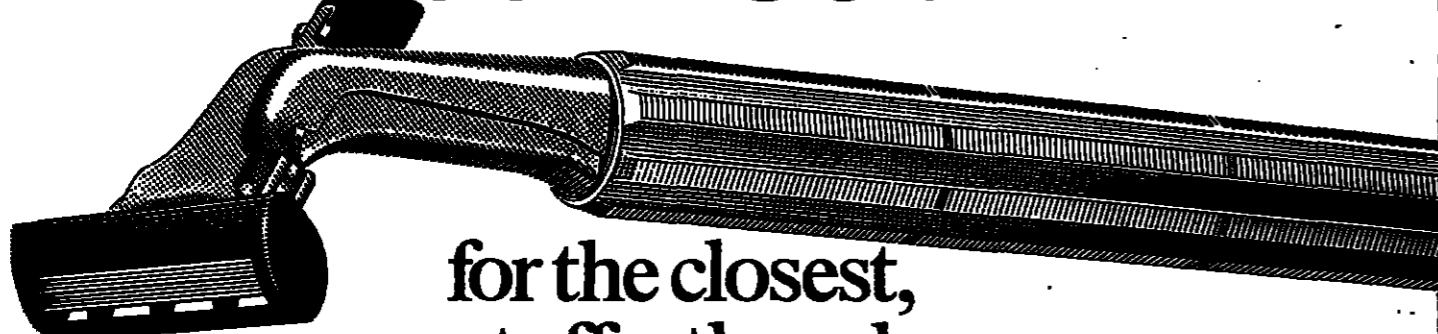
Bohm to meet Kohde

CANADA, Jan. 18 (AP) — Nina Bohm of Sweden meets Claudia Kohde of West Germany in the final of the \$30,000 Avon Futures Tennis Tournament. Kohde, who turned 17 just last month, also will team with Eva Pfaff of West Germany in the doubles final against Marjorie Blackwood of Canada and Susan Leo of Australia.

English Soccer Results

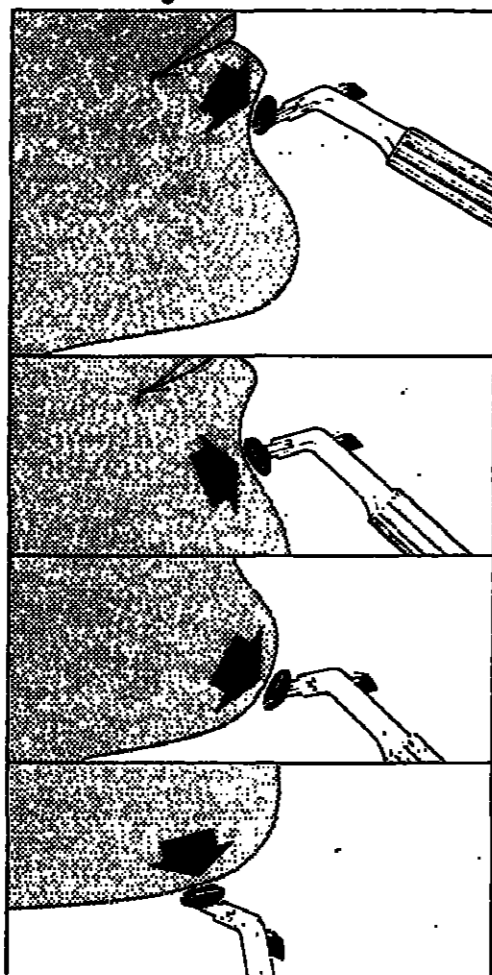
Table of English Soccer Results showing scores for various teams in the First, Second, and Third Divisions, as well as other matches.

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**Lendl stops Mayer**

**Borg downs Connors in error-strewn match**

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (R) — Defending champion Bjorn Borg beat Jimmy Connors 7-6, 6-3 in an error-strewn match Saturday to reach the final of the \$400,000 Grand Masters Tennis Tournament. He will play 20-year-old Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the only player to beat him twice last week in Sunday's match for the \$100,000 first prize.

Lendl defeated Gene Mayer 6-3, 6-4 in the first semi-final. Borg, the five-time Wimbledon champion, and Lendl, winner of seven Grand Slam titles, were highly competitive in winning their matches, though Borg made 64 unforced errors. For Lendl, Connors made even more errors, including 51 off his forehand, many of which came at crucial points of the match on forehand approach shots the most vulnerable part of his game.

**France off to flying start**

**Vales shocks England**

PARIS, Jan. 18 (AFP) — France and Wales, playing in front of their home supporters, got off to winning starts in their opening matches in the 1981 Five-Nation Rugby Tournament. France survived a late rally to beat Scotland 16-9 and Wales had a thrilling 21-19 win in injury-time last season's Grand Slam Champions, and a disastrous error by England center Clive Woodward gave the Welsh their narrow victory.

Woodward stepped offside at a scrum in the 18th minute and Welsh captain Steve Jones won the match for his country by kicking his fourth penalty.

Eight minutes previously full-back Dusty Hogg, who scored all England's points with conversions and a try, had taken his side out for the second time with a penalty and looked as though England were about to end their 18-year losing run in Cardiff.

The gripping match swayed excitingly after England began to hit back from 0-9, 3-12 in the first half hour.

They scored the first try for England against the Welsh but when stepped up to try in the game — as he did last year — in the 18th minute of injury time — he was battered and tired and his kick flew well wide.

hammered in seven aces, several of them on key points, while Connors was unable to record any.

Lendl had even more aces, 14, along with the same number of outright winners in overwhelming Mayer, who had won all three of his round-robin matches, including victories over Borg and John McEnroe.

"I attacked more than usual Saturday because of the way Jimmy was playing," said Borg, who has now beaten Connors eight times in a row and 14 times in their last 16 meetings. "He played very well and made me go for winners. But I felt very confident."

Connors said it was one of the best matches they had played in their long rivalry. "There was a lot of very good tennis out there," he said.

Borg said he looked forward to playing Lendl, who beat him in the final of the Canadian open last summer when Borg was forced to quit because of a knee injury in the second set while leading and again in the five-set final of the Swiss Open in Basle last autumn.

American pair John McEnroe and Peter Fleming will face Australian duo Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee in the men's doubles final.

McEnroe and Fleming easily overcame Kevin Curren of the United States and his South African partner Steve Denton 6-2, 6-2 in Saturday's semi-final.

McNamara and McNamee dropped a set against Americans Stan Smith and Bob Lutz before winning 0-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the other semi-final.

**Kiwis register fluent victory**

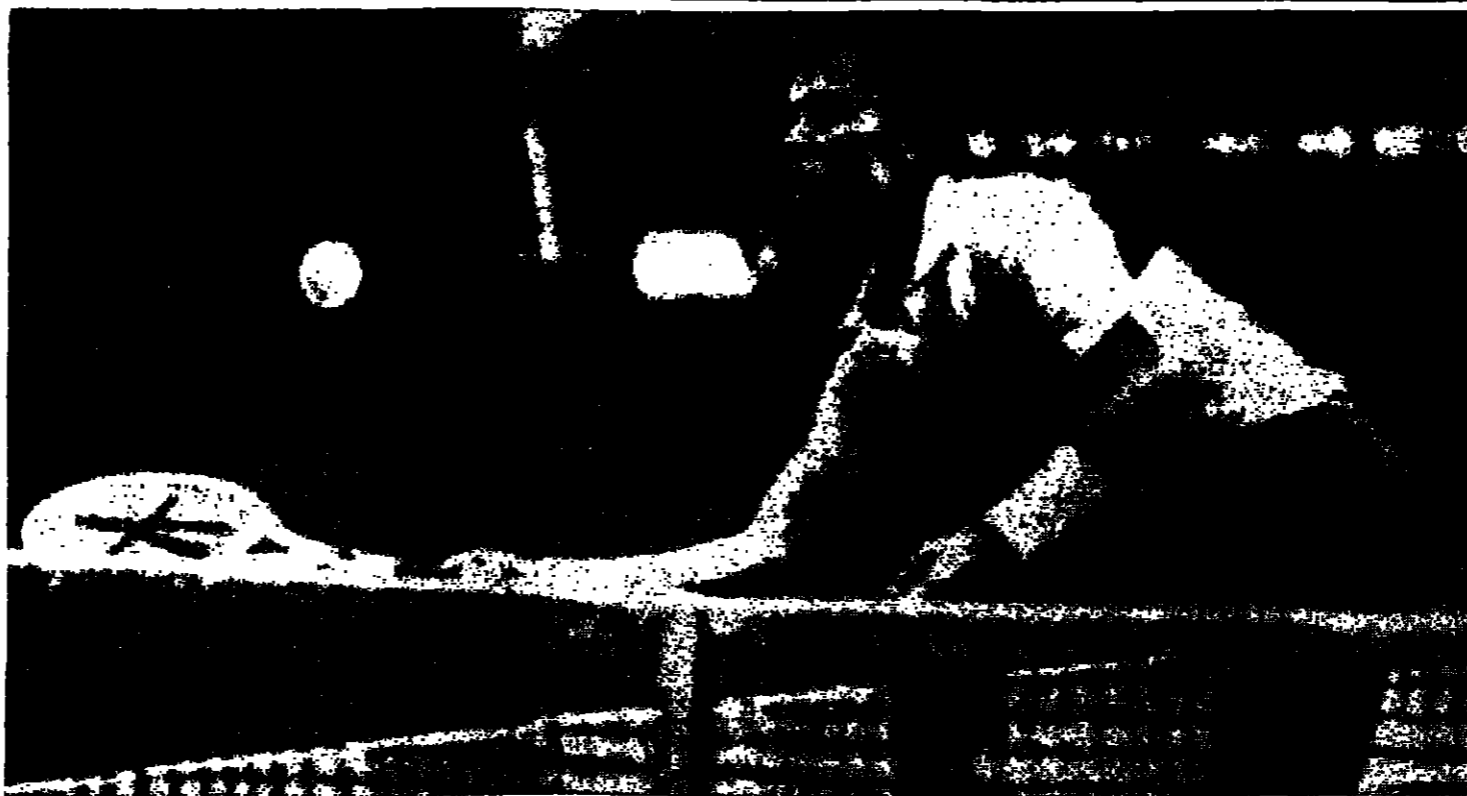
BRISBANE, Jan. 18 (AP) — India's hopes of snatching a last-minute place in the Benson and Hedges one-day finals were shattered by New Zealand at the Brisbane cricket ground here Sunday. New Zealand was untroubled to beat a desperate India by 22 runs with almost two overs to spare and claim a final berth against Australia.

Sent in before a crowd of 16,231 New Zealand scored 242, among the highest one-day totals of the season. Then India needed to score 243 from an impossible 15 overs to lift its run rate enough to edge New Zealand out of the series.

The chase was never on and New Zealand's attack led by paceman Richard Hadlee was always in control. India's hard-hitting Dilip Vengsarkar and Sandip Patil tried to wriggle them out of the tight situation with a breezy 92 in 58 minutes. But their efforts ended in an anti-climax when both were run out and the score slumped from 178 for four to 179 for six. India's hopes took an early nose dive when experienced opener Sunny Gavaskar, struggling to find form, was run out for nine.

And with Gundappa Viswanath and Kapil Dev, both potential high scorers, dismissed in quick succession the end of India's hopes was already in sight.

Brief scores: New Zealand 242 for 9 (B. Edgar 34, G. Howarth 45, J. Coney 49, R. Hadlee 32; Kapil 3 for 37, Ghavri 2 for 61, Doshi 2 for 25) India: 220 (R. Binny 35, D. Vengsarkar 66, Sandeep Patil 48; Coney 3 for 28, Snedden 3 for 57).



OVER THE HURDLE: Ivan Lendl is all poised to place the ball into his opponent's court as he stops giant-killer Gene Mayer for a passage into the final of the Masters tournament.

**Bruce Lietzke maintains lead**

PALM SPRINGS, Jan. 18 (AP) — Bruce Lietzke of U.S. continued to set the pace in the \$304,500 Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic on Saturday and goes into Sunday's final round two strokes clear of compatriot Jerry Pate.

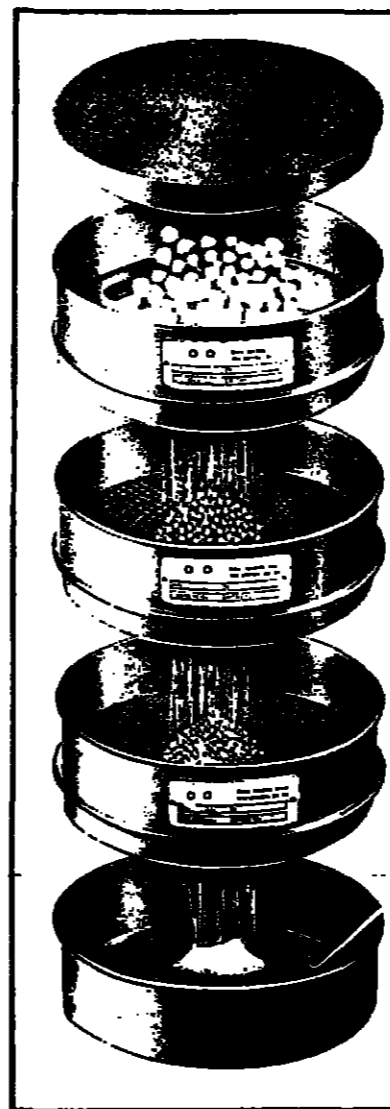
Lietzke, the leader all the way in this five-day, 90-hole event, finished with a 266 total, a record 22 strokes under par for this marathon event. But Pate, a former U.S. Open champion but a non-winner for two years, made up three strokes on the leader with a solid five-under-par 67. He went to Sunday's final round with a 268 total, 20 under par.

Two strokes back of Pate were Bill Rogers and Dave Edwards, tied at 270. Rogers shot a 69 in warm, occasionally sunny weather. Bob Gilder, Ben Greenshaw and Mark Lye were next at 273.

**Fitzgerald bags title**

PERTH, Jan. 18 (AFP) — South Australian John Fitzgerald, seeded 13th, won the men's single title at the Western Australian Open Tennis Championship here Saturday. Fitzgerald defeated Syd Ball of New South Wales, seeded 4th, 6-3, 6-3, in the final at the Royal Kings Park Club.

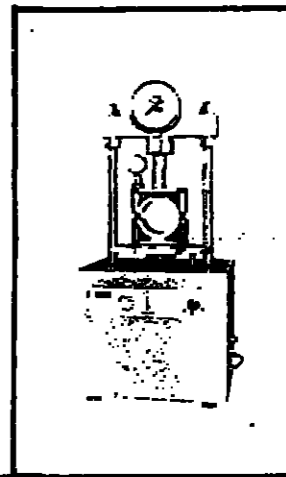
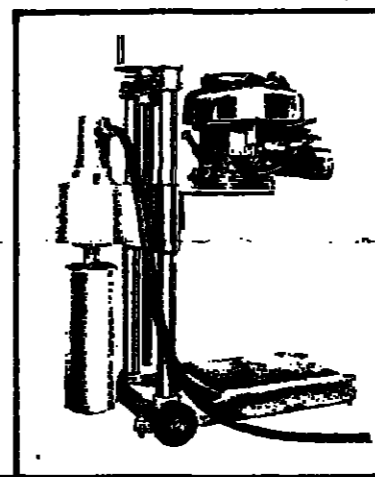
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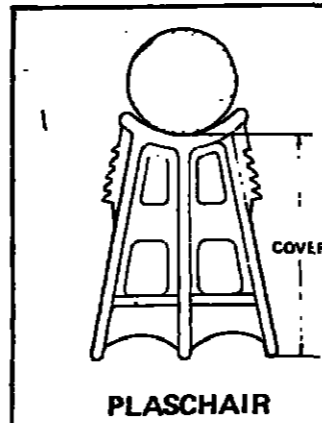
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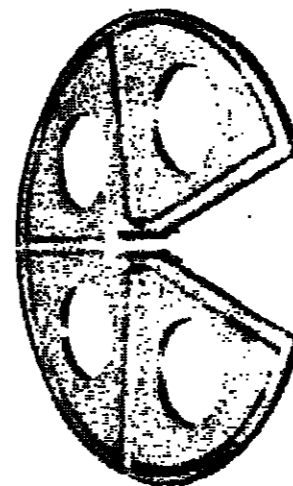
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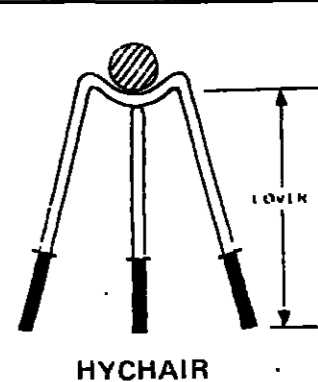
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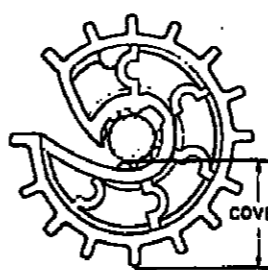
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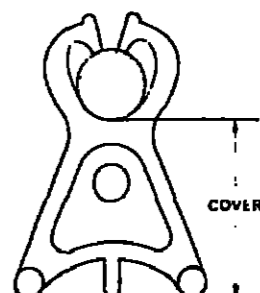
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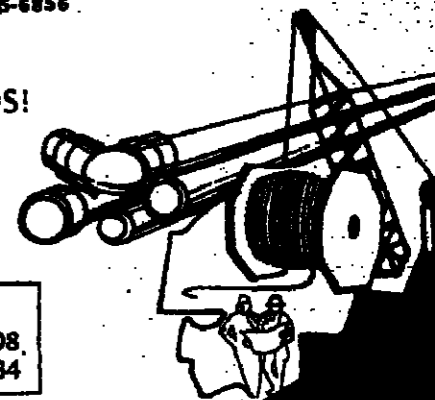
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## Freeing of hostages

# Iran awaits clarification from U.S.

TEHRAN, Jan. 18 (Agencies) Iran was still waiting at midday local time Sunday for the U.S. reply to a further demand for "clarification," sent to Washington Saturday in negotiations for release of the U.S. hostages, an informed source said.

If the reply arrived Sunday it would still have to be studied before the Iranian final response in the negotiations, the source added.

Meanwhile, the Iranian government officials continued discussions on swapping the hostages for frozen Iranian cash. One informed source said "the end is just a matter of time."

The source, close to the negotiations with the U.S., told Reuters that frantic exchanges of messages between Washington and Tehran over the past few days involved "merely the logistics of how to carry out something which had already been agreed upon."

Nabavi, Iran's executive affairs minister and government spokesman, said Saturday night that an Algerian aircraft was standing

by in case the hostages were freed. But he did not say where the plane was waiting. Three Algerian intermediaries in the hostage negotiations were still in the Iranian capital. 16 days after they delivered the last full U.S. counter-offer for transferring frozen Iranian cash in return for the hostages.

The Algerians have declined comment on the negotiations, but are expected to stay until the captives are set free. A reliable source has told Reuters that, after an agreed amount of cash has been transferred to Algeria or to Algerian supervision, the hostages will be put in a plane.

But Iran will only have access to the cash once the plane is known to be out of Iranian airspace and at least one of the Algerian intermediaries is expected to be on board to verify this.

In Algiers, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher scheduled a second meeting of the day with Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammed Benyahia, a spokesman at the U.S. embassy said.

The chief U.S. hostage negotiator, who

arrived in Algiers 10 days ago, had already met Benyahia for about an hour Sunday morning, after conferring with him at the foreign ministry twice Saturday.

Sunday's meetings followed reports from Tehran that Iranian officials were still awaiting clarifications of U.S. proposals to free the hostages.

U.S. embassy spokesmen continued to characterize the negotiations as a constant flow of communication between Washington, Algiers and Tehran.

Meanwhile, the team of financial experts assembled in the Algerian capital resumed work early Sunday in a complex financial arrangement to resolve the crisis. Their work centers on the restoration of some \$9.5 billion in Iranian assets frozen by the United States.

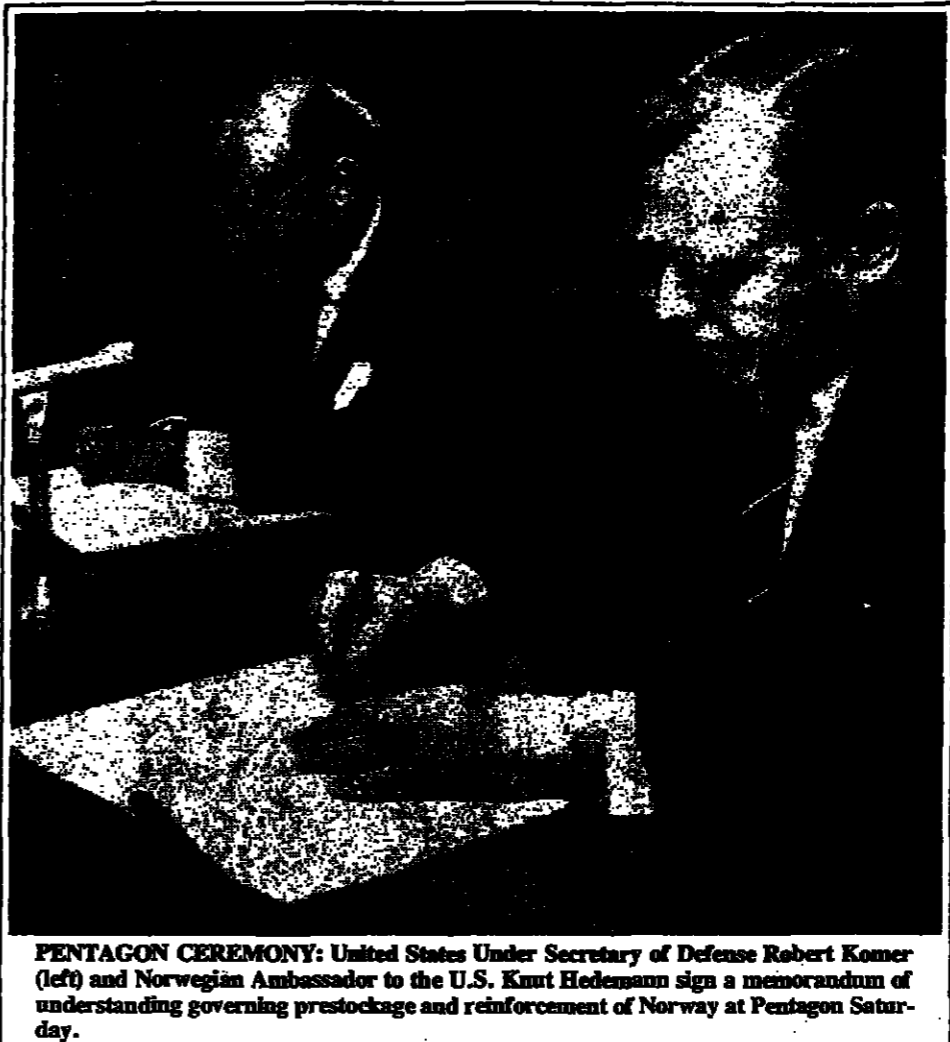
In Washington, the Carter administration, put a 30 member team of medical and administrative officials on alert, hoping for a quick end to the crisis.

Government officials and banking executives met late into the night at the office of Deputy Treasury Secretary Robert Carwell. There was no official comment on the subject of their discussions, but it was presumed to deal with the transfer of the Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks.

The *New York Times* reported Sunday that U.S. banking representatives agreed to withdraw law suits involving outstanding Iranian loans if the Iranian government committed itself to repaying a portion of the loans immediately and all of them after the hostages are released. The loans issue reportedly is one of the toughest problems in the complex hostage negotiations.

Meanwhile, the world's biggest flag was shipped from New York to Washington Saturday to be spread out on the ground at Andrews air force base for the hoped-for arrival of the hostages there.

This American flag covers nearly one hectare and weighs seven tons. It is named "Old Glory," a name used by U.S. patriots for American flags in general. Old Glory cost \$50,000.



FENTAGON CEREMONY: United States Under Secretary of Defense Robert Komer (left) and Norwegian Ambassador to the U.S. Knut Hedemann sign a memorandum of understanding governing prestockage and reinforcement of Norway at Pentagon Saturday.

# Iranians beaten back in Susangerd, Iraq says

BEIRUT, Jan. 18 (R) — Iraqi forces killed 215 Iranian soldiers and shot down two helicopters in action over the past 24 hours, Iraqi News Agency has said.

Quoting a military communique, it said Saturday the Iraqis destroyed eight tanks, 16 vehicles, four guns and seized light arms and two rockets with their pads.

It said the Iraqis beat back Iranian concentrations at Gilan-e-Gharb, Sare Pole Zabab and Sumar in west Iran, Seif Saad in the central sector and in Susangerd and Abadan to the southwest.

But, an Iranian armed forces communique announced that some 60 Iraqis were killed or wounded on the Abadan front in Khuzistan province. Another 20 Iraqis died in the town of Dezful, part of which was bombed Friday.

Pars reported 10 Iranians killed and 11 wounded Saturday and Friday at Abadan.

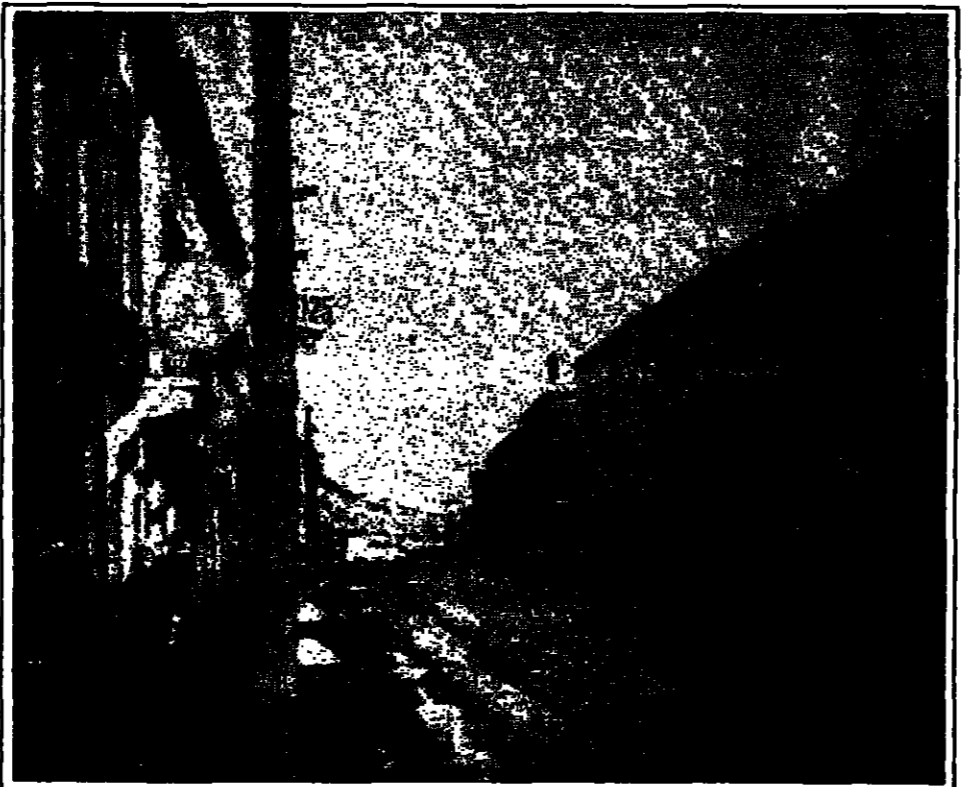
Meanwhile, the Brazilian newspaper *Ohe Estado de S. Paulo* said Saturday. Two Iraqi cargo jets have left the aerospace technologi-

cal center airport near Sao Paulo loaded with arms.

The daily, one of Brazil's most respected newspapers, said the two jets arrived Wednesday and Thursday respectively at the airport.

The planes were loaded with crates marked by Avibras, it said. Avibras, located at the airport, is a Brazilian company that manufactures missiles and communications equipment. Brazilian authorities refused to comment, the newspaper said.

Brazil is the third world's largest arms manufacturer and exporter, according to U.S. military estimates.



DESERTED STREET: Drivers in Poland went on a four-hour strike Friday demanding a five-hour week. The protest action brought life to a standstill, as seen on the Aleje Jerozolimskis street in Warsaw.

## Move to nationalize foreign assets fails

TEHRAN, Jan. 18 (R) — The Iranian Majlis Sunday dismissed a proposal to nationalize all shares held by foreigners in Iranian companies.

The proposal was drawn up by a group of deputies, but house speaker Ayatollah Hashemi Rasanjani quickly dismissed it, saying it lacked any reference to competition.

The text of Sunday's proposal said: "From the date that this law is approved, all shares of foreign nationals, real or legal, in Iranian companies and organizations are being announced as nationalized."

It included two notes, one exempting foreigners who continued to reside in Iran and the other saying Iranians who have given up their nationality without selling or transferring their shares would be included.

The Iranian authorities have already nationalized foreign and Iranian banks and most big foreign companies have pulled out since the revolution. There are, however, still some smaller foreign concerns with interests in Iran.

## 34 feared drowned as freighter sinks

ATHENS, Jan. 18 (R) — The 34-member crew of the Turkish freighter *Danz Sansac*, which sank in heavy seas off Crete Saturday, are feared to have drowned, the ministry of merchant marine said Sunday. A spokesman said the search for the seamen who abandoned ship after sending a distress signal had so far proved fruitless.

The 4,259-ton ship was on its way from Sfax, Tunisia, to Mersine, Turkey with 5,900 tons of phosphates. It radiated for help about 30 miles south of Crete, apparently after it encountered heavy seas. The ministry spokesman said planes and ships which searched the area had spotted two lifeboats and wreckage but no survivors.

## Poland offers talks with Solidarity

WARSAW, Jan. 18 (R) — Hopes of settling the highly-charged issue of five-day week in Poland brightened Sunday with reports that the independent trade union Solidarity was planning high-level talks with the government next week.

Labour Minister Janusz Obodowski has offered to open talks with union leaders as soon as possible in an effort to "find a way out of this impasse."

Solidarity sources in Warsaw said talks were being tentatively scheduled next Wednesday, probably in Warsaw, between the union's national leadership and a government team headed by "someone higher than Obodowski". This suggested that Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski, who negotiated last summer's historic labor accords with

striking shipyard workers, would head the delegation.

The talks would follow a meeting of the Solidarity National Consultative Commission scheduled Monday and Tuesday in Gdansk.

The question of a five-day 40-hour week, which the unions say they were promised in last summer's agreements, has blown up into a major confrontation between government and workers.

The Warsaw branch of Solidarity organized Friday a four-hour strike of the city's transport, which was backed by a number of similar stoppages in other parts of the country, to protest government plans to penalize people who stayed away from work Jan. 10.

The government, arguing that the country could not afford the immediate nationwide introduction of a 40-hour week, has decreed every other Saturday a working day.

There will be considerable pressure on both sides to reach a solution to the problem by next Saturday, the second designated working Saturday in January. Direct pressure has come from the Gdansk Branch of Solidarity, which proposes to call a four-hour strike in the province Jan. 22 to press the government to implement last summer's agreements.

In south-east Poland, there was a reminder that several other thorny problems await settlement. In the town of Rzeszow, demonstrators who have occupied the building of the defunct official trade unions to protest delays in registration a new farmers' union and against the harassment of the unionists were told by a local prosecutor that proceedings had been started against them.

## U.S. denounces Moscow lies Noori sees Iran's shift toward Soviet group

TEHRAN, Jan. 18 (Agencies) — Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Allameh Yahya Noori was quoted Sunday as saying that Iran was "subtly moving into the Soviet bloc."

The English language daily *Tehran Times* quoted the ayatollah as saying: "Some visible and invisible hands are directing Iran towards the eastern superpowers." He cited as an example Iran's expanding relations with some Communist countries, such as Cuba and North Korea.

There was also Iran's silence on the Soviet invasion "of our Muslim brothers in Afghanistan". Noori was quoted as saying. World history showed that once some nations freed themselves from the clutches of one superpower, they automatically fell into the lap of another superpower, he added.

Meanwhile, the official Iranian news agency, Pars, Sunday reported a meeting between President Abulhassan Bani-Sadr and religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, without giving further details. Bani-Sadr, the armed forces commander-in-chief, had returned to Tehran Saturday after spending nearly a month on Iran's Gulf war front in Khuzestan province.

In another development in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie summoned Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin Saturday for a scathing denunciation of "absolutely unfounded Soviet charges" that the United States is preparing to intervene militarily in Iran.

Muskie "demanded an immediate end to the scurrilous propaganda," the State Department said in a statement. Muskie warned Dobrynin that the Soviet propaganda campaign could further erode relations between the two superpowers, saying it could have "serious and lasting effects" on U.S.-Soviet relations and American public opinion.

State Department spokesman John Tritt-

ner said Soviet charges that the U.S. is preparing to intervene militarily in Iran are being carried in Soviet newspapers and on radio and television. While the Soviets have made similar accusations before, the spokesman said the latest accusations are particularly worrisome because of the "very delicate and sensitive" negotiations under way between the United States and Iran to free the American hostages. Trittner said the Soviet charge are "not only untrue, but defies logic and common sense."

Muskie's personal protest to Dobrynin was the second U.S. protest to the Soviets in two days. Officials said a "stiff protest" was made to the Soviet embassy here Friday when the broadcasts came to the attention of the State Department.

In Moscow, however, the Soviet Communist party daily, *Pravda*, Sunday returned to the attack and repeated substantially the same charges. Quoting press reports from Beirut, *Pravda* said the purpose of the recent tour of Middle East capitals by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was intended to prepare the governments in question for an eventual attack against Iran. The paper also claimed the current negotiations for the release of the 52 American embassy hostages had been used as a subterfuge by the U.S., which was really preparing an aggression against Iran that might be launched "at any moment."

## Angola fighting Pretoria troops

LUANDA, Jan. 18 (AFF) — Forces of the Angolan army were fighting South African troops supported from the air in Angola's Cuamato region bordering Namibia Sunday, a Defense Ministry communique here said. Some were dead and some wounded on the Angolan side. Several South Africans were killed, it added.

South African aircraft penetrated Angolan airspace in Cunene and Huqula provinces as far north as Lubanga, some 200 km inside the border with Namibia, the communique said. The fighting began during last week's conference in Geneva on Namibia, the communique said.

Angola provides bases for guerrillas of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) which is fighting to liberate Namibia of its South African presence. The South African regime refused at the Geneva conference to agree to a United Nations proposal for a ceasefire in the war intended to lead up to pre-independence elections in the territory.

The Defense Ministry said the latest raids showed what it called the false intentions of South Africa to solve the problem of Namibia, a former German colony ruled by Pretoria since 1920. South Africa has said its raids into southern Angola are directed against SWAPO bases.

## Lusaka party silences all criticism

LUSAKA, Jan. 18 (R) — The Zambian government, faced with the need to take potentially unpopular belt-tightening measures to rescue its faltering economy, has clamped down on criticism of the country's one-party system.

Mainza Chona, secretary-general of the United National Independence Party (UNIP), the only legal political movement, was quoted Sunday as saying the party would be ruthless with people trying to undermine it.

According to the UNIP-run newspaper *Sunday Times* of Zambia, he said Saturday during a tour of the economically vital copperbelt province that unless anti-party elements were removed from Zambian society it would be long before there was bloodshed and suffering.

Finance Minister Kebby Musokotwane is due to introduce what is expected to be a tough austerity budget in the National Assembly Friday, following administration moves to tighten controls on foreign exchange allocations and import licenses to businessmen.

On Jan. 7, after a campaign lasting several weeks to prepare the country's 5.6 million people to hard times ahead, the government announced the retail price of staple (maize) meal would rise by between 30 and 50 per cent as a result of cuts in subsidies.

Some western diplomats have said more cuts in subsidies could be announced in advance of Friday's budget. Copper and cobalt account for more than 95 per cent of Zambia's foreign exchange earnings. Officials have said recently that the depressed price of copper and slack demand for cobalt, together with rising costs of imports such as oil and grain, have left the country with serious balance of payments problems.

Stern budgetary measures have also become essential because the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Zambia are negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a loan believed to be in excess of \$500 million to help with rising overseas payment arrears and economic revitalization.



GRAVELY WOUNDED: Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, the Northern Ireland Rousem Catholic political campaigner, was gravely wounded when gunmen shot her and her husband in their home about 50 miles west of Belfast Friday. She is fighting for life in hospital.



SHADOWED: Recent file picture of the Russian battle cruiser the 32,000 ton *Kirov*, seen on trials in the Baltic, was being shadowed by the Dutch Navy *Albatross* that detached into the Atlantic Thursday with twelve crewmen on board.

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